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VILLA DESPAIRED OF HOPE ABANDONS HIS STRUGGLE IN MEXICO

His Men, Warned to "Take Care of Themselves," Scatter in All Directions.

HE WAS URGED TO QUIT

Reported to Have Declared He Would No Longer Sacrifice Men Needlessly.

Many of His Followers Preparing for Peace.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 18. — General Francisco Villa has given up as hopeless his struggle against the de facto government of Mexico, according to authentic advices today from Chihuahua. The followers who still remained faithful to the man once all-powerful in North Mexico, have been warned to "take care of themselves," and are said to be scattering in all directions. Many, it is said, are preparing to make their peace with the Carranza government.

His Plans Not Clear.

Villa, in addressing the council of war, at which his determination to abandon the struggle was made public, is said to have declared he would no longer sacrifice men needlessly. He is said to have been urged to abandon the revolutionary movement by his staff and advisers and also by his wife. Just what the plans of the insurgent leader are have not been made clear, although he is said to have declared he would come to the United States if he were permitted and if not permitted would go to Europe.

The Carranza forces under General Jacinto Trevina already are demanding the surrender of Chihuahua. But few persons familiar with the country question General Villa's ability to escape capture in that section where he knows every hill and water hole and where he has many friends. In fact, it is but five years ago that he roamed that same territory as a bandit with a price placed on his head by General Porfirio Diaz.

Living Under Assumed Name.

His real name is Doroteo Orango and he was born in Las Nieves, Durango, in 1868. His parents were of the peon class and on the death of his father he became a cowboy in Western Chihuahua. His personality and traits of leadership even then were apparent, for he soon attracted a number of desperate men to him, changed his name to Francisco Villa and lived as a bandit, subsisting by raiding and pillaging the ranches of the big Chihuahua land owners.

Many stories are told as to the reason why Villa became a bandit, the most widely circulated being to the effect that he was outlawed for the killing of an army officer who had wronged his sister.

When Francisco Madero took the field against Diaz Villa voluntarily cast his lot with the Maderistas and performed such valiant service that Madero was forced to recognize the peon idler. After the retirement of Diaz, Huerta was sent north to put down the Orozco rebellion. He and Villa clashed and Villa was taken to Mexico City under arrest for insubordination. While in prison there he taught himself to read and write. Madero saved him from immediate execution and later he made his escape to the United States.

Successful as Bandit.

When the north of Mexico rose against Huerta, Villa made his way across the Rio Grande into Mexico with two companions, six "borrowed" horses, $7 in money and a small supply of corn and beans. Inside a year he was the head of a well equipped army of 50,000 men with a war chest of several million dollars accumulated from the seizure of rich estates. This force was armed and equipped with artillery largely from the Federal forces defeated or captured by the peon general. Villa's methods of strategy based largely on the guerilla warfare of his bandit days, brought him success in every battle.

Villa was a hero to his soldiers and they sang dozens of songs about his bravery and sternness as a disciplinarian.

His Break With Carranza.

Animosity arose early in 1914 between General Carranza and Villa. The final break came at the time of the Aguas Calientes convention called to outline the policies of the constitutionalist party. Carranza declined to recognize the action of the convention, Villa and Zapata joined forces and took possession of Mexico City for a time, forcing Carranza to withdraw to Vera Cruz. Up to that time General Villa never had suffered a defeat but shortly afterwards he was opposed by the other military genius of Mexico developed by the revolution, General Alvaro Obregon.

Obregon forced on a decided victory and Villa [illegible] to Torreon. His last real battle was fought at Agua Prieta, across the border from Douglas. Villa was beaten off and from that time on his men, including the higher officers, deserted him rapidly.

REFUSES TO SURRENDER.

Villa Troops in Chihuahua Prepare for Stub[illegible]

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 18.—Villa troops in Chihuahua are [illegible] refused

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WAR SITUATION IS APPARENTLY QUIET

But New Movements in East Are Impending.

IS MUCH SPECULATION

Reported That Thrust by Germans for Riga Has Begun—Campaign in the Balkans Not Likely to Remain Quiet Long.

London, Dec. 18.—The week-end finds the war situation in the East and West bearing the outward appearance of comparative quietude and some observers are ready to predict that operations will virtually remain at a standstill until after the holidays. Nevertheless, there is no lack of food for speculation, particularly on the eastern front, which now virtually stretches across two continents from North Russia to South Persia. In the extreme north there have been unofficial reports that the promised new German thrust between Riga and Dvinsk already has begun but neither Berlin nor Petrograd confirms this in the official communications.

Five hundred miles further south the Russians believe they have checked another enemy attempt to resume the offensive in Galicia.

In the Balkan zone the first chapter is closed but with more than two million men of a dozen different nations under arms, it is not likely that the campaign will long maintain a state of quietude.

Meanwhile, in the so-called middle east, Grand Duke Nicholas' advance to Hamadan brings strong Russian forces to within about 200 miles of Bagdad and it is believed in the Entente capitals that his operations will put new life and new impetus into the British operations in South Persia after the recent set-back.

The situation on the Greek border is surrounded with the most obscurity. The Greek elections tomorrow appear not likely to be a serious factor in the situation, as the refusal of the followers of ex-Premier Venizelos to participate will leave small chance for the elections to cause a change in the Greek policy.

London is devoting considerable attention to domestic affairs, the possibility of conscription for single men who failed to respond to Lord Derby's call sharing the stage with proposals for a lottery scheme to aid the state in floating a large popular loan. The lottery scheme generally favored is the issue of a 5 per cent bond of which 2 per cent is retained by the government for semi-annual distribution by a lot of prizes ranging from 50,000 pounds sterling downwards.

CALLED TO THE COLORS.

Four Classes New British Recruits to be Placed in the Ranks.

London, Dec. 18.—Four classes of recruits who enlisted under the Earl of Derby's plan were called out today by royal proclamation. All recruits on the Derby rolls who did not enlist for immediate service were placed on the army reserve rolls and therefore the first call for service of four classes is made by the same formality as in the case of the old army reservists who heretofore have been called to the colors.

The appearance of placards tapped with the royal arms caused a stir in the streets. The public infers that the Derby enlistment plan has been a success and that conscription is postponed at least.

The classes called out are groups 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Derby recruits.

The announcement placarded by the war office states that their services will begin January 20. These groups are composed of unmarried men from 19 to 22 years of age.

"All figures so far are guess work; I don't know the results myself," said the Earl of Derby in a speech at Bolton today. He assured the country that the pledge to single men compulsorily before calling the married men, if such a call were necessary, would be scrupulously observed.

GERMAN VESSELS SUNK.

Cruiser and Torpedo Boat Destroyed by Submarine in the Baltic.

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 19.—It has been officially announced in Berlin that the small German cruiser Bremen, and a torpedo boat accompanying her, have been sunk by a submarine in the eastern Baltic sea. The announcement stated that a considerable portion of the crews of both vessels were saved.

The Bremen was built in 1903. She had a displacement of 3,250 tons, and in peace times carried a crew of about 300 men.

FOUR NEGROES DEAD.

Between 50 and 70 Persons Injured in Tornado in Mississippi.

Meridian, Miss., Dec. 18.—Reports received here today from messengers and by telephone from sections north, south and east of this city, which were visited by a tornado yesterday, placed the dead at four negroes and the injured at between 50 and 70 persons. The tornado passed over Meridian, rising about 30 miles south of here and descending again about 12 miles south.

ASSERT THEY HAVE CLUES TO COUNTRY WIDE CONSPIRACY

Federal Agents Expect to Make Many Arrests Following That of Koenig.

BANK CLERK ARRESTED

Was Employed to Give Information Regarding Shipments to the Allies.

New York, Dec. 18.—With the arraignment here today of Paul Koenig, said to be the head of the German secret service in this country, and Richard Emil Leyendecker, a New York art goods dealer on a charge of conspiring to blow up the Welland Canal, Federal officials asserted they had in their hands the clues to a country-wide conspiracy to blow up munition plants, which has already resulted in the loss of many lives and destruction of millions of dollars worth of property.

For several years Koenig has been the head of the detective force employed here by the Hamburg-American Steamship Company. The company, which is subsidized by the German government, was quick to come to his aid and through a local surety concern, supplied $50,000 bail for him and $30,000 bail for Leyendecker.

Gave Information to Koenig.

The arrest of Koenig and Leyendecker was coincident with the arrest by county authorities of Frederick Scheindel, a clerk in the National City Bank. Scheindel, detectives claimed, confessed that he was employed by Koenig to supply him with information regarding the shipment of munitions to the Allies. This information was obtained through telegrams and letters to the National City Bank which has had a prominent part in the purchasing in this country of supplies for the Allies. Scheindel said he received $25 a week from Koenig, the police added. He told the police he was a German reservist and acted only from patriotic motives.

Scheindel was arraigned before a police magistrate on an affidavit charging him with suspicion in the larceny of documents and messages valued at $100,000 from the National City Bank. He was held in $25,000 bail for a hearing Monday.

Important evidence regarding Koenig's activities is understood to have been obtained from Frederick Metzler, arrested in connection with Koenig and Leyendecker. Metzler also was employed by the Hamburg-American Line and acted as stenographer to Koenig. A high Federal official said Metzler had offered to turn state's evidence and had already supplied the government with much valuable information.

As soon as it was known that Metzler, who was to have been arraigned with his chief, and Leyendecker would not be arraigned, two attorneys acting for the Hamburg-American Line went to the Federal authorities and asked permission to see him. This request was refused. The attorneys then offered any amount of bail to secure

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FORD PARTY ATTRACTS BUT LITTLE ATTENTION

Steamer Oscar II Stays an Hour at Christiansand

Mr. Ford and Madame Schwimmser Deny Disagreement En Route While Journalists in the Party Confirm the Story.

London, Dec. 19.—The steamship Oscar II, with the Ford peace party on board, arrived at Christiansand at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, according to a dispatch from Christinia to Reuter's Telegram Company. No official or other reception was accorded the peace party and only newspaper men boarded the vessel on its arrival.

Henry Ford and Madame Rosika Schwimmser denied to interviewers that there had been a disagreement en route. It was said that some members of the expedition would leave the party at Christiania on account of sickness. Journalists, who accompanied the party confirmed the story that disagreement had occurred.

Mr. Ford spoke very cautiously on the manner in which he planned to proceed. He said the British officials and citizens at Kirkwall were very gracious but that none of the party was permitted to land there and that there was no official reception. Mr. Ford left the impression that at Kirkwall the people wished peace and he expressed the belief that this was also the case with the people of the other belligerent countries. He thought that the basis for peace must be a return to the conditions existing previous to the war. Mme. Schwimmser said that the intention of the expedition was to agitate for peace at a conference with men and women delegates from neutral countries. The platform, she ex-

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New British Commander.

General Sir Douglas Haig.

DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF IMPROPER ACTS

Germany Not Supporting Any Lawless Agents Here.

CLAIM OF STATEMENT

Ready to Answer Any Complaints Regarding German Officials—Alleged Activities Embarassing to That Government.

New York, Dec. 18.—The New York Times has received the following authorized statement by wireless from Berlin:

"The German government naturally has never knowingly accepted the support of any person, group of persons, society or organization seeking to promote the cause of Germany in the United States by illegal acts, by counsels of violence, by contravention of law, or by any means whatever that could offend the American people in the pride of their own authority.

"If it should be alleged that improper acts have been committed by representatives of the German government they could be easily dealt with. To any complaints upon proof as may be submitted by the American government suitable response will be duly made.

"As is well known, the means of communication between Germany and the United States are very unsatisfactory. It is practically impossible for the German government to keep itself in touch with American sentiment, it ha soften to depend upon the foreign press for information concerning American affairs.

"The message of President Wilson to Congress, in which the activities of Germany sympathizers in the United States were discussed, will serve as an illustration. There was received in Germany a brief summary of those packages which referred to plots and conspiracies against peace and order in the United States and the effect produced thereby upon sentiment in Germany was probably more painful than the American government knew. A different impression might have been produced by the full text of the message but unfortunately that would not be available in Germany until the American newspapers arrived by mails, a fortnight or three weeks later, except as it might be taken with doubts and reservations from the English press.

"In the meantime confidential communication between the German government and its diplomatic representatives in the United States by cable or wireless is impossible for reasons which the American government knows. Messages by cable must pass through the English censorship and messages in secret code by wireless are forbidden. Therefore misunderstandings are bound to arise, while ex-

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PROTESTS TO ALLIES FORTIFYING SALONIKI

London, Dec. 18.—The Athens correspondent of the Reuters Telegram Company is authority for the statement that the Greek government has lodged a formal protest with the Entente Powers against the fortifications of Saloniki by the allied forces.

PRESIDENT MAKES DRAFT OF SECOND NOTE TO AUSTRIA

Believed to be Less Vigorous, But Reiterates Demands Made in First Note.

MAY BE SENT TONIGHT

Communication Will Make it Clear That America Has Spoken the Final Word.

Washington, Dec. 18.—President Wilson late today completed the first draft of the new note to Austria-Hungary, reiterating the American demands regarding the sinking of the Italian steamship Ancona. The document was delivered to Secretary Lansing at his home tonight. It probably will be cabled tomorrow night or Monday to Mr. Penfield for presentation to the Vienna foreign office after the Secretary has developed the ideas of the President.

The first draft was completed after Secretary Lansing had sent the President a memorandum containing all of the State Department's information on the disaster, and after Baron Zwiedinek, 'charge of the Austro-Hungarian embassy here, had conferred at some length with the Secretary.

It was authoritatively stated tonight that the 'charge strongly intimated to Mr. Lansing that should the second note be couched in less vigorous terms and leave the Vienna foreign office such apportunity the reply might be wholly satisfactory to the United States.

As to Satisfactory Reply.

A satisfactory reply would have to contain a disavowal, assurances of reparation by payment of indemnity for the Americans killed and injured and some acceptable statement concerning punishment to the mommander of the submarine which sank the vessel.

The official text of Austria's reply, given out today, revealed the Vienna government's denial that the case as presented by the United States, even if correct, warranted any blame for the disaster being placed upon the commander of the submarine. The reply denies also that blame can be placed upon the Austro-Hungarian government even if a most rigorous legal construction were applied to the judgment of the case.

The note states further that the Austro-Hungarian government is unable to determine what the United States intended to indicate when it mentioned the attitude which Germany had assumed toward submarine warfare. It adds that if the United States intended "to express an opinion to the effect that a prejudice of whatever nature existed" with respect to "jurisdictional consideration" of the affair, the Vienna government declares that it reserves to itself "full freedom of maintaining its own legal view."

Except for slight variation in translation the remainder of the official text

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TYPHUS EPIDEMIC IS THREATENING MEXICO

Already Thousands Have Died in Mexico City.

From 20,000 to 60,000 Cases at Present Reported—Hardly a Home or an Office Which Has Not Had Its Victim.

Mexico City, Dec. 15 (by Mail to Laredo, Texas).—The epidemic of typhus fever which has claimed thousands of victims in the City of Mexico threatens to spread throughout the republic. Accurate statistics are not obtainable. The minimum number of cases as reported is 20,000, while other estimates place the number of cases as high as 60,000.

Deaths are so frequent as to daily necessitate long trains of funeral cars and there is hardly a home or an office which has not hand its victim.

General Gonzales has detailed 500 soldiers to disinfect and clean barracks and public offices. In all the latter are to be seen printed notices reading:

'For hygienic reasons department heads an employes must refuse to shake wit hvisitors."

As it is now generally admitted that the only propagating agents of the disease are body lice, government officials will make a house to house canvass to stamp out vermin. Public bathing establishments and barber shops will be opened and all those of unclean appearance will be forced to bathe and re-clothe themselves. This service will be free.

So far the foreign colonies have escaped serious loss, although thirteen cases have been registered up to date in the American and English colonies.

PRESIDENT AND BRIDE AFTER QUIET MARRIAGE GO TO HOT SPRINGS, VA.

BASEBALL PEACE IS YET FAR AWAY

No Agreement Reached in Series of Conferences.

DRAWS FURTHER AWAY

Federal League and Organized Interests, Failing to Come to Terms in New York, to Resume Conference in Cincinnati.

New York, Dec. 18.—The baseball dove of peace, unable to find a roosting place in this city, has fluttered away to Cincinnati. There, next Tuesday, it will hover over the heads of organized and independent baseball interests while these bodies endeavor to reach a basis for harmony. Unless there is a radical change in the situation it is quite possible that a permanent perch for the bird will be as hard to find in Cincinnati as it was in New York.

After a series of conferences which it now develops has been going on for several weeks, if not months, the magnates admit that peace between the Federal League and organized baseball is far from being consummated. The meeting today between the independent interests' committee and the National Commission failed to make any definite progress. After the formal adjournment Chairman Garry Herrmann, of the National Commission, stated: "We have not agreed upon any definite proposition."

In fact, the conferring interests are drawing apart instead of together, if the remarks of the various league magnates are properly construed. Privately the various factions are beginning to blame each other for the failure of the peace programme and for taking the initial steps toward that end. While harmony was the keynote of all public statements, the word could hardly be applied in any way to the sessions behind closed doors, according to some of those who entered and left at the beck and call of the committees.

According to National League men, the American League officers in Chicago were in touch with the Federal League can more than ten days ago and knew the full contents of the tentative draft of peace which Barney Dreyfuss carried to Chicago last Tuesday night with so much mystery, to present to the American League, then in session.

Another report was to the effect that organized interests had expected little difficulty in persuading the Federal League to withdraw its suit, now pending before Judge Landis, and were bitterly disappointed when the officers of that league were advised by their legal representatives to complete all peace propositions before depriving themselves of this anchor to windward.

American League and minor league men showed considerable impatience over the situation. The minors threatened to leave the conference, it was stated.

President B. B. Johnson, of the American League, was first to leave the conference today and he was soon followed by Chairman Herrman, of the National Commission. Both left for the West.

After their departure the National and Federal League magnates conferred informally for some time, but no statement followed.

FIVE KILLED WHEN STREET CAR GOES THROUGH BRIDGE.

Ten Others Were Injured in Accident in Spokane, Wash.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 18.—Five persons were killed and ten injured today when a street car went through the division street bridge over the Spokane river. The killed were in the car more than an hour after it went into the river. The injured were removed to a hospital. All the injured lived here. The accident happened before daylight.

The Washington Water Power Company, owners of the cars, denied responsibility for the accident in a statement by Thomas G. Aston, claim agent. He said the city, which owned the bridge, this week had completed re-surfacing it. Before the repair work was begun, according to Aston, engineers pronounced the bridge safe.

John C. Eher, motorman of the car which fell into the river, who was one of the rescued, said:

"The whole section of the bridge seemed to drop suddenly. I was passing over the bridge at five miles and heard the steel snap."

REPORT NOT CONFIRMED

Advices to State Department Indicate Villa Plans New Move.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The State Department tonight had received from its agents in Mexico no confirmation of the report that General Villa had decided to abandon his campaign against Carranza. Department advices on the other hand, indicated that Villa had planned a movement south of Chihuahua against General Obregon.

General Villa still is holding 30 Americans he took from Madera to Chihuahua. State Department advices said, despite efforts of State Department agents to obtain their release.

Tokio, Dec. 19.—A vote of want of confidence in the government was defeated in an exciting session of the House of Representatives by 222 to 132.

Will Remain Until After New Year's, in Direct Touch With White House.

A REAL HOME WEDDING

Marked by Absence of Music, Attendants, Flower Girls, Ushers and Uniforms.

Scene One of Splendid Elegance, Nevertheless.

Washington, Dec. 18.—President Wilson and Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt were married at 8:30 o'clock tonight and left afterward to spend their honeymoon at Hot Springs, Va. The President and his bride traveled in a private car attached to a special train leaving here at 11:10 o'clock, which is due to arrive in Hot Springs tomorrow at 8:15 A. M.

At Hot Springs Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will live at the Homestead Hotel until after New Year's day unless some development should necessitate the President's earlier return to the capital. Two White House automobiles have been sent on ahead and the couple expect to spend their honeymoon motoring, golfing and walking over the mountain trails. Besides the secret service guard the party was accompanied by a stenographer. The President will keep in touch with the White House over special wires.

Because the hour of the wedding was known to comparatively few persons, there was not a large crowd in the vicinity of the bride's home, although a large police guard had been provided.

The wedding was carried out perfectly as arranged.

J. Wilson Howe, of Richmond, Va., the President's nephew, and Mrs. Howe, arrived after the list of guests had been made up and joined the wedding party.

Shortly after 10 o'clock the President and Mrs. Wilson entered a waiting White House automobile and motored to Alexandria, Va., across the Potomac, to take their private car there and avoid a crowd at the railroad station in this city.

The President and Mrs. Wilson boarded their special car at Alexandria at 11:40 p. m. and began their journey to Hot Springs.

The prayer book which the officiating clergyman used once was the property of the late Judge William H. Bolling, of Virginia, father of the bride, and was used at her request. Several guests added to the list at the last moment included Prof. Stockton Axson, a brother of the late Mrs. Wilson; A. Bolling Galt, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Galt, the former a brother of Mrs. Wilson's first husband, and Mrs. Tumulty, the wife of Secretary Tumulty. One of the added guests was Matilda Braxton, an old negro mammy of Wytheville, who has been a servant in the bride's family all her life.

The President dined as usual at the White House at 7 o'clock with his daughters and afterward drove to his bride's home about a mile from the Executive Mansion. A cold driving rain which swept the city all day cleared off at sunset and the evening was cool and pleasant.

Exceedingly Simple.

Everything was in readiness when the President arrived, and the ceremony proceeded without music. Neither the President nor Mrs. Galt had any attendants and there were no ushers or flower girls. Neither the army, the navy, nor the diplomatic corps was represented, the occasion being what both of the couple had wished it to be —a home wedding.

On the first floor of the bride's home, in two communicating rooms, a wedding bower had been arranged with a background of farleyence and maidenhair ferns extending from the floor to the ceiling. Overhead there was a canopy of green in the form of a shell lined with Scotch heather. In the background and at the center was placed a large mirror frame with orchids and reflecting the scene. Above the mirror was a spray of orchids across a background of ferns and the corners of the canopy were caught with orchids. American beauty roses were on both sides of the canopy, beneath which was a prayer rug on which the President and Mrs. Galt knelt during the ceremony.

Ceremony is Performed.

Just at the hour set for the ceremony the President and his bride appeared at the head of the staircase, which was decorated with ferns, asparagus vines and American beauty roses. They descended to the lower floor where the guests were grouped about informally. The Rev. Herbert Scott Smith, rector of St. Margaret Protestant Episcopal church, of which the bride is a communicant, was waiting beneath the canopy to perform the ceremony, and with him, to assist, was the President's pastor, the Rev. James H. Taylor, of the Central Presbyterian church.

Mrs. William H. Bolling, the bride's mother, gave her away.

The President stood to the right of the clergyman and the bride stood on their left. At once, Dr. Smith began the words of the Episcopal marriage service, the President making his responses first, and then the bride making her's. After the bride promised to "love, cherish and obey" the President placed the wedding ring, a plain band of gold, upon her finger and then after a prayer, and while the couple clasped their right hands together, Dr. Smith declared them man and wife.

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RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. WILSON, WHO ATTENDED WEDDING RITES LAST EVENING.

MR and MRS FRANCIS B. SAYRE

MRS. BOLLING MOTHER OF THE BRIDE.

MR and MRS WILLIAM G. McADOO

MRS. JOHN A. WILSON

MISS HELEN BONES

MRS. PERRIN COTHRAN.

MISS ALICE WILSON

MR and MRS JOSEPH TUMULTY

MISS MARGARET WILSON

MR and MRS. JOSEPH WILSON

GERMAN SHIPPING IS BUSY ON THE DANUBE

Great Military and Economic Advantage Gained

Craft for Fifteen Months Tied Up by the Serbians, Now Crowd the River—Supplies Sent to the Bulgarians and Turks.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)

Belgrade, Serbia, Nov. 30.—What great military and economic advantages were gained by the Germans and their allies with the opening of traffic on the Danube, has been shown by the activity in shipping which developed directly the Serbs had been driven from the banks of the river. Fighting along the Danube was still in progress when the Austrians started to clear a channel through the mine fields which the Russians, Serbs and English had laid out. Meanwhile large tows, carrying military supplies needed by Turkey and Bulgaria, were being brought down the river from Austro-Hungary and German ports and assembled at Semlin, ready for the minute when navigation became possible. Austrian river monitors, notably the Sava and Temes, had in the meantime patrolled the Danube as far as Lom Palanka and later to Ruschuck, both Bulgarian ports, and in so doing had cleared the river of some Russian armed merchant vessels stationed in the Rumanian port of Turn-Severin. That these vessels were not sunk or captured by the Austrians is due to the fact that, on the day which the Associated Press correspondent made the trip up the river as a guest on the Sava, they were being convoyed down stream by Rumanian monitors, the Russians themselves flying the Rumanian flag.

The Bulgarian port of Lom Palanka was the scene of great activity. For over 15 months no boats from up stream had arrived there. Now the jetties were crowded with barges from Austria and Germany. On the previous day King Ferdinand of Bulgaria and Premier Radoslavoff had been at Lom Palanka to assist in the resumption of traffic between Bulgaria and the Central Powers, an event which Germany and Austria-Hungary thought important enough to have inaugurated by Duke Albrecht of Mecklenburg, brother-in-law of Emperor William, who was a passenger on the first convoy arriving.

For the first two weeks nothing but military supplies were shipped downstream, principally arms and ammunition for Bulgaria and Turkey. Both these countries stood in need of heavy artillery and artillery ammunition. Some of the later boats brought a large number of heavy motor trucks, combat and scout aeroplanes, ambulances and sanitary supplies. Since then ordinary merchandize has been admitted to shipment. The returning barges and boats carry raw material of all sorts and foodstuffs. During the last few days a regular passenger and mail service to Lom Palanka has been in operation, until today traffic on the Danube may be considered normal with the difference that never before had it known such proportions. The military supplies of which Bulgaria and Turkey can make use are many, and on the other hand, Austria-Hungary and Germany offer an eager market for the agricultural and animal industry products of the two first mentioned countries.

Some anxiety has been felt in Constantinople and lately in Sofia that the heavy demand which the war made on their relatively scant stores of artillery ammunition might soon create a problem it would be difficult to solve in case a free route of communication were not opened up. This, in fact, was the principal reason why the long delayed offensive against Serbia was undertaken, when it was, though the attitude of Bulgaria necessarily played an important part in this. But German and Austrian war stores were not the sole factor. The Central Powers could make good use of Turkish and Bulgarian wool, skins, hides, cereals and copper ores and Turkey and Bulgaria needed the revenues which would come from the sale of these materials. It is to be doubted that history ever before presented an instance in which the opening of a line of communication met so adequately the needs of four allied peoples engaged in war, or that from this condition so urgent a necessity had sprung. For the first time since the outbreak of the European war Germany and Austria-Hungary are relatively independent economically, while Turkey and Bulgaria now have within their reach an inexhaustible supply of war materials, inexhaustible today because the German and Austro-Hungarian arms and ammunition manufacturers now have access to the great mineral stores of the Balkans and the Ottoman Empire. The shortage of copper in the Central States has been ented by the taking of the copper mines near Milanovac and elsewhere in Serbia. Bulgaria, too, has a large number of copper mines, the best of them near Mesdra, on the Mesdra-Lom Palanka branch railroad, and the Turks can meet any possible shortage with ores from Anatolia, notably from the Smyrna region. Chemical raw material also may be brought from Turkey in Asia and a paucity of cotton for explosives is now altogether unlikely, since this staple is produced in considerable quantities in the Cilician plain. It is of interest to learn that even a placer gold field has fallen into the hands of the Central Powers, that near Milanovac, Serbia. Washing is now in progress.

In a single day the Associated Press correspondent saw as many as nine tows go down the river, each consisting of a tug and seven barges—the latter each carrying the equivalent of 100 freight cars, giving the day's traffic a total of 6,300 carloads of 215 trains of average size. For the five days spent on the river the total cannot be less than 40,000 carloads, or, with bulk and weight brought into relations, over a million tons. Many of the tows came directly from Germany, the names of the barges' home ports and the distances traveled indicating that they had been concentrated in the Austrian reaches of the Danube when the offensive against Serbia had not yet begun. As an example of German and Austro-Hungarian thoroughness, the preparations for the resumption of Danube traffic are noteworthy.

Already train connections for military purposes exist between Berlin and Constantinople, and, according to assertion made here, a through passenger and express freight service will be in operation within three weeks via Belgrade and Nish. The Serbs were not given time enough to destroy this line as thoroughly as it was expected they would and as a result of this people here hope to travel soon on the "B" Express, a train that will link "Brussels, Berlin, Budapest, Belgrade, Bulgaria, Byzanthium."

MRS. BRUCE-MORRIS DEAD.

Was Wife of Vice President of the Confederate States.

Covington, Ky., Dec. 18.—Mrs. Sallie Withers Bruce Morris, whose first husband, E. M. Bruce, was a distinguished member of the Confederate Congress and at one time vice president of the Confederacy, died at her home here tonight, aged 81 years. Mrs. Morris was married twice. She was a member of the Virginia Colonial Dames and honorary president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

War News at a Glance

Notwithstanding the pause in operations in Macedonia, chief interest still centers in developments expected vitally to affect the Balkan enterprises of the Teutonic powers and the Entente Allies.

All devices continue to indicate a complete halt of the Bulgarian armies and of Field Marshall von Mackenzen's forces at the Greek frontier, possible diplomatic developments as Greece is said to be insistent that Bulgarian troops shall not enter her territory and also is represented by Athens correspondents as none too pleased at the prospect that German troops may take up the pursuit of the Allies toward Saloniki.

The Entente forces are busily fortifying Saloniki and its environs and the landing of reinforcements is reported. Their leaders are declared in some quarters to anticipate a Bulgarian as well as a Teutonic advance against them and are preparing for eventualities.

Advices regarding the plans of the Central Powers are decidedly conflictingbut they are credited in various despatches as concentrating troops with a view to the Saloniki operations and to be sending artillery to the front for a drive at the Allied expeditionary forces.

In Montenegro the Austro-Hungarians keep on hammering at the Serbian and Montenegrin forces and announce the capture in the past few days of 13,500 prisoners. The Montenegrins, however, claim that their Herzegovina army has given the Austrians a setback.

Italian plans for operations in Albania are not yet clear but a Rome dispatch says the Italian aim is not offensive, the force sent to Avlona being to help the Serbians extricate themselves and to provision the starving Montenegrins and Albanians.

On the western front artillery firing and trench fighting continue with numerous air exploits on both sides. Swiss reports say large forces of Germans have been moving through the Rhine provinces toward the fighting zone in France these advices following similar ones which have been held to indicate that a German drive in the West might be made soon.

Neither in Russia nor Galicia have their been military events of importance recently, judging from the official statements, while operations along the Austro-Italian boundary apparently are not developing any marked changes in position on either side.

SAYS GERMANY COULD LAND ARMY IN 14 DAYS

Would Take America Six Weeks to Raise 35,000 Troops.

Greenville, N. C., Dec. 18.—"It would take Germany just 14 days to put 200,000 men on our shores, and it would take the United States six weeks to get together 35,000 to oppose them," declared Evangelist Percy C. Cross, noted evangelist and lecturer here, in his lecture on "The European War." "We do not need such a ponderous army and nav yappropriation," he said, "but we do need a citizen army to preserve the honor and dignity of the United States, if it is ever threatened."

Mr. Cross stated that it was not for a purpose of preserving themselves that the war in Europe was brought on, but it was because the nations meddled in the other fellow's business too much.

SHRAPNEL IN TRUNKS

Eighteen Shells Discovered in Baggage Causes Excitement.

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—The shipment of 18 shrapnel shells in two trunks as passenger baggage from South Bethlehem, Pa., to Cape May, N. J., caused River Ferry of the Philadelphia and Reading railway here today when one of the trunks burst revealing its contents. Investigation showed that the shells had been shipped on a passenger ticket by an employe of the Bethlehem Steel Company to Cape May for use at the company's proving grounds near there.

The police said this method of forwarding the shells was resorted to because the shipper would be delayed in arriving at Cape May if sent by freight.

An investigation is being made to determine whether these particular shells can be exploded without being fired from a gun.

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Archdeacon T. P. Noe Will Preach at St. Paul's Church Today.

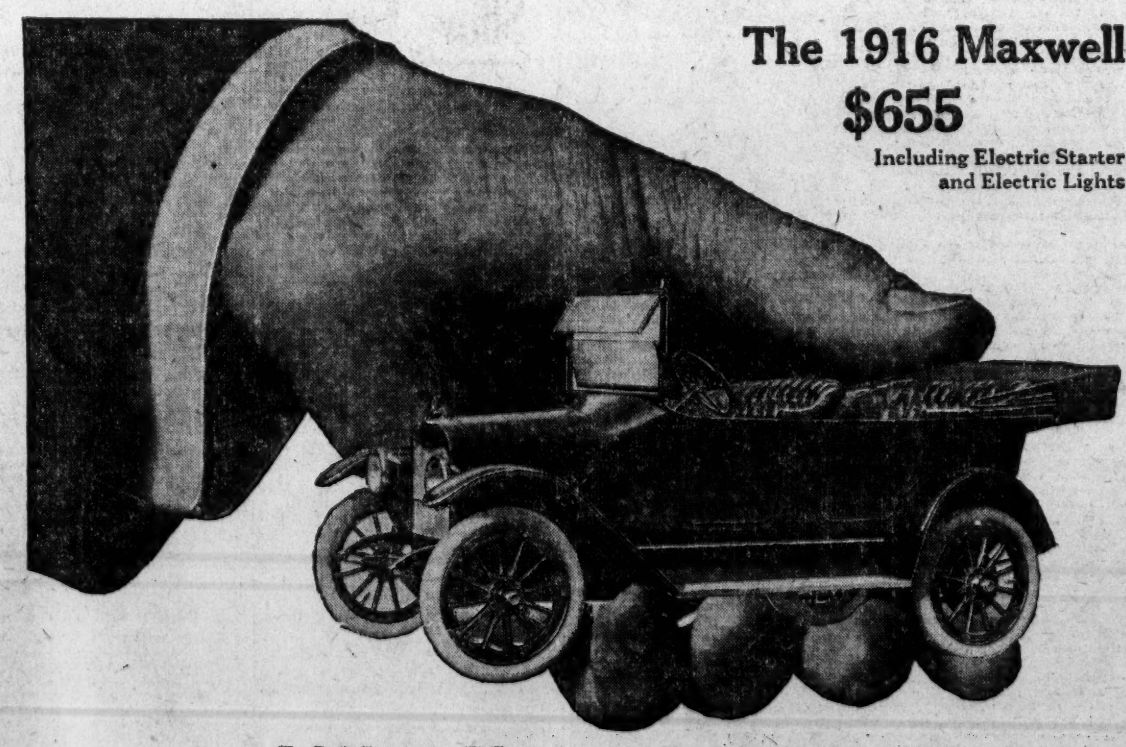
Friends of Rec. F. deF. Heald, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, will regret to learn that he was called to Washington, D. C., yesterday afternoon on account of an accident which his mother suffered. The particulars were not learned.

Archdeacon Thos. P. Noe will conduct services for Mr. Healt at St. Paul's this morning and evening.

VON PAPEN SAILS DEC. 21.

Captain Boy-Ed Will Not Leave Until December 28.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Captain Von Papen, the withdrawn German military attache, will sail alone from New York on the steamship Nordam, December 21, the German embassy notified the State Department today, and Captain Boy-Ed, the naval attache, will follow him on the steamer Rotterdam December 28th.



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STATE'S CORN CROP 64,050,000 BUSHELS

North Carolina Has 3,706 Miscellaneous Factories.

Charter of Atlantic Trust & Banking Company Amended—New Union Depot for Madison—N. C. Cotton Goods Wanted.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 18.—The summary of miscellaneous factories in this State for the past year, just issued by Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman, shows 3,706 factories compared with 755 factories of this class reported last year. The difference is largely for the reason that heretofore the report has largely involved only representative plants to show manufacturing and labor conditions. But this year, through special co-operation with the United States Department, the summary is practically complete, the unlimited resources and facilities of the Federal department assuring a practically complete representation.

The total capital reported this year $137,584,107 with $61,439,188, estimated value of raw material. The estimated value of manufactured output is $136,666,168, with pay roll aggregating $23,470,581 and salaried employes $5,117,478. The average day for employes is nine hours and 43 minutes. There are 55,568 male and 6,691 female employes and 4,624 salaried employes.

Bank Charter Amended.

An amendment to the charter of the Atlantic Trust & Banking Co., of Wilmington, changes the name to the American Banking & Trust Company, and specifies the capital authorized at $300,000, and that subscribed $100,000.

Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham was well pleased today to receive the latest government report of North Carolina crops for 1915 with the showing well up to figures that he has insisted upon instead of figures that the government has heretofore persisted in using. The report shows the corn crop 64,050,000 bushels for 1915, compared with 57,550,000 bushels in 1914. The price quoted this year is 64 cents per bushel compared with 57 cents per bushel last year. The wheat crop is given as 10,357,000 bushels compared with 7,332,000 the previous year. Oat crop was 5,050,000 bushels, compared with 4,375,000 bushels the previous year. The tobacco crop is given as 198,400,000 pounds, against 172,250,000 pounds the previous year.

The Corporation Commission has served notice on the Southern Railway and the Norfolk & Western Railway companies that they must at once submit plans for adequate new passenger depots for the town of Madison, Rockingham county. Southern will be required to build on a new site and the Norfolk & Western will be required to either fill the trestle beyond the present station site or build on the opposite side of the street.

Wants N. C. Mill Products.

Commissioner M. L. Shipman, of the Department of Labor and Printing, is advised that Mr. Francisco Laspoumaderes, a director in the largest chain of department stores in South America, has arrived in the United States on a business mission for his firm. He is stopping with Warner Brothers, No. 225 Fifth avenue, New York City, and will remain in this country until the 8th of next month (January) only. Mr. Laspoumaderes is desirous of securing cotton hosiery, underwear, and other articles manufactured in North Carolina and Commissioner Shipman suggests that it might be well for those interested to get in touch with the visiting representative without delay. This information reached the Department of Labor and Printing through Mr. C. L. Chandler, South American agent of the Southern Railway, Chattanooga, Tenn., who voluntarily passes it along for "the good of the cause," in the propaganda to extend our trade relations with Latin America.

MEN HAD BETRAYED HIM.

Villa Reported to Have Said He Realized It Was Time to Quiet.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 18.—General Villa has quit the revolution and is expected at the border here tonight or tomorrow, according to apparently authentic reports from Chihuahua today. Officers of Villa forces in Juarez were told to "take care of themselves." The advices from the south state that Villa formally announced his intention of proceeding to the United States, if permitted to cross the line or go to Europe.

According to the advices, the council of war, held at Chihuahua for several days, decided that General Villa should resign and he was so informed. In answer General Villa is reported as saying that he realized the time had come for his retirement.

"I have been surrounded by traitors," he is said to have declared, "and by men who will not fight. I sent 1,000 men to defend Santa Rosalie and they joined the Carranza forces without a fight. I do not want to sacrifice you. I will go to the border, cross to the United States, if I am permitted, and there live with my family. If I am not permitted to cross the border, I will go to Europe."

Substantiation of the advices from Chihuahua appears in telegrams from General Obregon dated at Guaymas on the western coast, quoting a telegram from a leading Villa general in full and stating that the Villa general had secured from Villa a promise to retire and asking a conference with Obregon upon the fate of the Villa organization's personnel.

In reply General Obregon said he had stated to the Villa general that Villa was without the law and whether he retired was a matter of no moment; that he would be shown no consideration. The officers, he said, would be given guarantees if they surrendered unconditionally.

Miguel Diaz Tombardo, foreign minister of the Villa government, admitted the truth of the advices from Chihuahua, but declared General Villa would not retire to the United States.

JUDGE DANIELS WAS HERE.

Heard a Number of Motions and Signed Many Orders.

Judge F. A. Daniels, of Goldsboro, who was prevented from holding court here the past week because of illness, was here yesterday and signed a large number of orders and heard a number of motions. By doing this, a large number of the cases calendared for the past week were taken off the docket.

Call on Sterchi-Bancroft Co. for that new bedroom suit. (Advertisement.)

Championship Is Undecided Still

RALEIGH AND CHARLOTTE TO PLAY OFF 7 TO 7 TIE MONDAY—GAME YESTERDAY ENDED BY MOONLIGHT; IN MUD.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 18.—Battling through mud for two and a half hours and by moonlight in the last quarter, the Charlotte and Raleigh teams were forced to leave the State high school football championship undecided here this afternoon. Darkness ended the game a seven to seven tie.

Raleigh pushed her touchdown through in the first quarter. Charlotte raced hers over in the third. The two teams will remain on the Hill over Sunday and play the tie off here Monday.

Larry Templeton, Charlotte's right half, was the bright star of the afternoon. He made four 25-yard gains. Shaw Pruett with his 65-yard run, which gave Charlotte her sole touchdown, and his sure tackling, was Templeton's chief rival for first honors. Champion and E. Mills were Raleigh's greatest ground gainers. Murray and Terrell were the best men in the line.

CONTEST CLOSES THIS WEEK.

Much Interest Being Taken in the Bungalow to be Given Away.

Interest in the bungalow which is to be given away by Sorosis in a voting contest continues at a high pitch. One mercantile firm has purchased 2,500 votes for its customers. Judging from present indications there will be a large vote cast this week for the different contestants. The contest closes on Christmas Eve with an entertainment to be given at the Victoria Theatre which will be featured with moving pictures, music and stories. The names of the winner of the bungalow and the $20 gold piece will be announced at the close of the entertainment.

The following is the standing of the contestants: Edwina Dewey, first; Emily Eve Jewett, second; Rosalie Jacobi, third; Elizabeth Parsley, fourth; Willie M. Jones, fifth; Helen Carroll, sixth; Elizabeth Stevenson, seventh; Mary B. Williams, eighth; Blanche Bolles and Katherine Carr, tied for ninth; Emerson D. Eine, tenth; Margaret Haines, eleventh, and others.

FORD PARTY ATTRACTS BUT LITTLE ARTENTION

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plained, must be suited to the circumstances. The Oscar II sailed for Christiania after a stay of an hour at Christiansand.

SECOND PARTY DETAINED.

Steamer Frederick III Taken Into Kirkwall by the British.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The twenty members of the Ford peace party, who, unable to leave New York on the Oscar II, sailed on December 8 on the Frederick VIII, are being detained at Kirkwall as was the first party. The Frederick VIII was taken into Kirkwall yesterday by the British authorities.

DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF IMPROPER ACTS

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planations are often so circumscribed or belated as to not wholly effective.

"Apparently the enemies of Germany have succeeded in creating the impression that the German government is in some way morally or otherwise responsible for what Mr. Wilson has characterized anti-American activities, comprehending attacks upon property and violations of the rules which the American government has seen fit to impose upon the cource of neutral trade.

"The German government absolutely denies. It cannot specifically repudiate acts committed by individuals over whom it has no control and of whose movements and intentions it is neither officially nor unoffocially informed. It can only say and does most emphatically declare to Germans abroad, to German-American citizens of the United States, to the American people, all alike, that whoever is guilty of conduct tending to associate the German cause with lawlessness of thought, suggestion or deed against life, property and order in the United States is in fact an enemy of that very cause and a source of embarrassment to the German government, notwithstanding anything he or they may believe to the contrary."

PRESIDENT MAKES DRAFT OF SECOND NOTE TO AUSTRIA

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virtually is identical with the unofficial version cabled from London.

Further Negotiations Open.

It was agreed seemingly in official quarters that the official text did not minimize a realization of the gravity of the situation which was impressed on officials by the unofficial cables but it also was apparent that the door to further negotiations was not closed.

While the State Department was making the note public, President Wilson was at work in his study on the outline of the reply. The State Department also made public an official text of the Austrian admiralty's statement, previously published, which admitted that the submarine fired on the Ancona after the ship had come to a stop and while passengers still were aboard. It was upon this official admission of the Austrian admiralty itself that a principal portion of the American note was based.

The reply will convey to Austria-Hungary all the information desired, according to the opinion expressed tonight by officials. They, however, declared that it would not enter into any extended discussion of details. The document was represented as not being long.

After giving some of the facts Austria-Hungary desires, particular attention is called to the statement issued by the Austro-Hungarian admiralty. The note will, it was said, virtually state that the principal complaint of the United States is based upon the admissions contained in the admiralty statement, which admitted that the Ancona was torpedoed by the submarine while persons were still aboard.

Must Decide Promptly.

All the demands made in the first note will be reiterated, and it is believed no room will be left for further arguments or negotiations. The note will not, it was authoritatively stated, fix a time limit within which Austria-Hungary must comply with the American demands, but will make it clear that the final word of this government has been spoken and that Austria-Hungary must decide promptly by its actions, whether dip omatic relations between the two countries shall be severed.

While firm in tone, the communication, it is believed, will not be quite as vigorous as the first note. The United States was represented by officials as desirous of continuing its present relations with Austria-Hungary should it be possible to do so.

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General Kitchener.

The most recent photograph of General Kitchener, taken after his return to England from the Balkans.

John Simmons, colored, whose mother lives in Wilmington, charged with the murder of John Long, colored, was tried in Norfolk Thursday and was acquitted by the jury. The negro pleaded self-defense. William J. Bellamy, Esq., of this city, represented the negro. Simmons has returned to his home in Wilmington.

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Metzler's liberty. This offer also was refused.

Another man held by the Federal authorities as a material witness against Koenig was George Fuchs, about whose identity the utmost secrecy was observed. Fuchs was not formally arrested and no charge was made against him.

Police Detective Suspended.

A new development occurred late today when Otto F. Mottola, a police headquarters detective, was suspended after a hearing by Commissioner Woods. The police said they found Mottola's name in a note book taken from Koenig. According to statements attributed to Koenig and Metzler, Mottola was employed by the former at $3 a day to make investigations.

The arrests yesterday and today are said to be merely the forerunners of numerous other arrests, which will extend throughout the country. Secret service agents assert that Koenig had 27 agents in New York City alone and probably between three and four hundred throughout the country.

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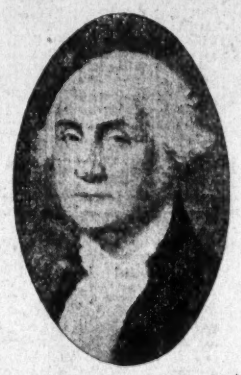

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The remains will arrive from Rocky Mount on the evening train today and will be in charge of the Odd Fellows, he having been a member of Cape Fear Lodge in Wilmington. He was also a member of the Woodmen of the World. His brother Odd Fellows are requested to meet the train today.

The remains will be taken to his late residence No. 10 Castle street. Funeral announcements will be made later.

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TOP O' THE MORNING

A man will sometimes say, "I have a soul;" whereas he should say, "I am a soul: I have a body."

—HOWARD AGNEW JOHNSON.

Austria is our oyster.

A running fight is no place for duck-legged men.

Organizations with aspirations for bringing about development of resources ought to leave out politics and confine themselves to business.

What is preparedness between all of us and Claude Kitchin when it comes to mopping up the floor of the House with Republican veterans who thought they could floor him?

A man can humble himself without being humiliated. That is one reason why matrimony is a pronounced success, even if there are critics who say it is a one-sided affair.

It seems to be understood at Raleigh that some of the new candidates in different parts of the State may as well be informed that they only think they have a chance for the nomination.

Greece is being accused of bringing all her trouble on herself on account of her temporizing policy and procrastination in keeping out of the war. If this can be proved on Greece, it will show that she is neutral.

Just about this time 10 years ago the country was interested in the announced engagement of Miss Alice Roosevelt and Representative Nicholas Longworth, of Ohio. Who had the slightest idea that time was flying so rapidly?

When the canalization of the Cape Fear River between Wilmington and Fayetteville is completed and there is a good modern highway all the way from here to the upper Cape Fear metropolis, two more strong bonds will have been added to the ties that bind the two cities, both of which will be due congratulations.

Most of the people on Ford's peace ship are said to have denounced President Wilson, but nine refused to take a hand in it. With only nine typical Americans on board, nobody can expect the excursion to prove a success. When people go abroad and denounce their own government, it is a poor recommendation for them in the eyes of patriotic people everywhere.

What's the matter with having in Wilmington a mammoth celebration of the completion of the improvement of the Cape Fear canalization project between here and Fayetteville, with all the citizens of the upper Cape Fear metropoli invited here as our special honor guests, along with the people of Cumberland and Bladen counties? The completion of the waterway between Wilmington and Fayetteville will be an event worthy of a great celebration on the part of both cities.

Explaining the reasons for hard luck for early prognostications, and at the same time renewing those prognostications under less favorable circumstances, is one of the funny things that men do. The truth is, man depends more on his faith than he does on his judgment. Most of the expectations we think we have are only a lot of hopes. Ask the average man what he thinks about a thing and he will answer you by telling you what he hopes. He thinks what he hopes is what he thinks.

When you are looking around, come to Wilmington and look around. Everybody should look at Wilmington's place on the map. The map will show that no other place occupies such a map position as Wilmington. Those who appreciate the meaning of a territorial distribution ought to look at the map and note that Wilmington has the greatest cinch as a distributor into South Atlantic and Central West territory. Those who call anybody's attention to Wilmington ought to show a map as proof of every word they say.

WAS MASTER OF THE SITUATION.

The Star already has referred to the great speech which Democratic Leader Claude Kitchin made in the House of Representatives last Thursday on the re-enactment of the emergency or war tax measure, passed by the Democratic Congress a year ago to partly make up for the elimination of revenue by the war in Europe, which cut off imports on which tariff duties are collected. The able North Carolina Congressman made his maiden effort as Democratic leader and greatly added to his already fine reputation as one of the keenest and most resourceful debaters in Congress. It was only a new opportunity for the Tar Heel to further demonstrate his strength in forensic battle.

We are proud of it and every North Carolinian has reason to be proud of the fact that Mr. Kitchin has won new laurels for North Carolina, which furnishes him to the Nation and to the party which chose him as its leader against the veteran debaters of the Republican party in the House. The Democrats knew what they were doing when they chose Mr. Kitchin as floor leader, and while it is complimentary to him and to North Carolina it shows the good sense of the Democratic side of the House in reaffirming their choice despite Mr. Kitchin's position on the question of national naval and military preparedness.

Preparedness, of which The Star is an earnest and conscientious supporter, is not a political question. It is no gauge for party fealty or loyalty, and since it is only a matter of opinion and conscience for each American to decide for himself it does not affect Mr. Kitchin's standing or loyalty as a Democrat. His constituents in the Second district and his admirers throughout North Carolina, very well understand that, and so it is a waste of time to even note the reservations in some quarters as to whether the Leader's opinion about preparedness makes him any less a Democrat. Democrats can hardly differ as to fundamentals and principles, but when it comes to differing in opinion, we can differ with Mr. Kitchin but find no cause to differ with him enough to let it interfere with our opinion of him as a Democrat to tie to on general principles.

We don't go out of our way to say this, and it is not said in his behalf or to the prejudice of any others of our great North Carolina Democrats. The State has lots of strong men and we can say the same about scores of them. This, however, is Mr. Kitchin's day, and North Carolina can but be proud of the brilliancy of his leadership, already demonstrated in the House. We need not be proud of him just because he cornered all the Republican debaters and put them on the mat, but because the State has a member of Congress who measures up to the largest stature at Washington. North Carolina Republicans themselves can get in on the ground floor on this, for they must be North Carolinians who are also proud of big North Carolinans, whether they be Democrats or Republicans. If, for instance, we just had to send a Republican to Congress, we all would be ashamed if he were looked upon as a North Carolina Tom Thumb in the midst of the big men of other states.

Parker R. Anderson, correspondent of the Greensboro News, wired that paper that Leader Kitchin was the master of the situation when answering the Republican critics who butted in while he was holding down the job for the majority. It is said the Tar Heel statesman, cool, calm, collected, and confident, walked up and down the House chamber and knocked down his Republican foes every time they rose to make a point while he was speaking. He even waded over to the Republican side, smiled, and pointing out his victims, laid them out.

The Democrats were enthusiastic over the keenness and readiness with which Leader Kitchin parried the Republican thrusts and it must be admitted that some of the bogeys are keen themselves. They had a foeman worthy of their steel and they faced a Democrat who is a parliamentary gladiator, posted, powerful and hard to handle.

THE SOY BEAN OIL INDUSTRY.

The manufacture of oil and meal from soy beans promises to revolutionize the farming industry of Eastern North Carolina, for there comes in practical utilization a new and valuable raw material that will greatly add to the productive value of North Carolina lands and at the same time enlarge the industrial opportunities in this section.

At Elizabeth City, N. C., on Friday a public demonstration at the plant of the Elizabeth City Oil & Fertilizer Company proved to be an eye-opener for the farmers who were present by invitation to witness a demonstration of the possibilities in the soy bean. The company gave a practical test of manufacturing oil and meal from the soy bean, two highly valuable commercial commodities for which there is no limit to demand. Those who witnessed the process listened to enlightening explanations by government experts as to the possibilities of the new industry in this country.

Without any preliminary arrangement, the Elizabeth City factory substituted soy beans for cotton seed and went on with the process of manufacturing oil and soy bean cake, ground immediately into meal. There was no change of machinery whatsoever and the process was one which became at once understandable to every farmer and other persons present. The beans were first put through a cleaning machine, after which they were ground, the resulting product resembling sawdust and having about the same bodily texture. This ground product possessed the characteristic soy bean flavor, which, it is said, is suggestive of the flavor of the ordinary field pea, such a common product on every farm.

The next process is to put the soy bean "meat" or pulp into the presses. Thus the oil is compressed from the material and the residue is soy bean cake, subsequently ground into meal. An account of the demonstration sent to the press says the yield of oil varies from 18 to about 23 per cent, according to the quality of the beans. The meal has the texture of fine corn meal, and the flavor is much more palatable than that of the pulp before the oil is compressed from it. Taking out the oil improves the food value of the meal and it is stated that in taste it resembles dry malted milk or ground peanuts.

The use of the soy bean as an article of manufacture provides a larger market for beans, and the oil industry already has caused the price to advance to $1 per bushel. Thus it will be seen that it will pay the farmers to produce the crop, so long as it is profitable for the manufactures to utilize the beans at the price they are paying. The commercial end of it for the oil factories is bright and there is no reason why the prospects should not grow even better, once American consumers become acquainted with the uses and value of the oil and meal.

There is a ready market for soy bean oil in both Europe and America, for it is a pure vegetable oil with fats peculiarly suitable for human consumption. After the oil is refined it enters preferably into many articles of human food and becomes a part of several varieties of food products with fat as an essential constituent. The oil also is largely used in the manufacture of high grade soaps in the United States. The meal is a superior article in the preparation of bread, biscuits, muffins, porridges, etc. English bakers, it is related, are making a specialty of biscuits and bread made from soy bean flour. At Tappan, N. Y., soy bean flour is used with condensed milk in the manufacture of a highly recommended food for infants. On account of its freedom from starch and a small sugar constituent, delicious muffins are made from the flour and the physicians are recommending it for diabetics and dyspeptics. A further fact is that a factory in New York is manufacturing soy bean milk from which condensed milk and cheese are manufactured.

The probability is that this is only a few of the uses to which soy bean products can be put. In Europe there is a large demand for both the oil and the flour, and in all dairying countries the meal is in demand on account of its richness as food for milk cattle. In England the oil as a solid is taking the place of animal fats for cooking, and it is preferred to many other vegetable oils, owing to its cheapness compared with some of them. As we hear of cocoanut butter so we expect to hear of soy butter. At any rate, bean oil promises to become a rival of the South's valuable cotton seed oil, the supply of which is not esual to the world's demand.

We are satisfied that the soy bean oil industry has come to stay, and The Star takes this opportunity to remaind the people of Eastern North Carolina of the collateral industries that are possible because of the beginning of this industry in our State. If we produce the beans here and manufacture them into oil and meal, we ought to manufacture all the by-products as well. We ought to utilize the oil in its several forms, and if the North can make fine soaps from it we certainly ought to do it to better advantage where the oil is made.

The economic result of utilizing all of our raw materials ourselves is so patent that it is hardly necessary to emphasize it. Nevertheless, we are permitting many of our valuable raw materials to be sent away to be converted in the factories of other states.

There may be something in that interesting rumor in Raleigh to the effect that the Seaboard Air Line is planning to build a line from Henderson, on its main line, to Goldsboro, a distance of approximately 75 miles, crossing both the Atlantic Coast Line and the Norfolk Southern. The Seaboard is expanding these days and such an undertaking need not surprise anybody. However, there is little ground for crediting that part of the rumor which attributes to the Seaboard the ultimate purpose of extending its line from Goldsboro to Wilmington or Southport, "in order to obtain North Carolina seaport facilities." That is what the Seaboard already has right here at Wilmington and has had ever since the Seaboard has been the Seaboard. The only purpose in building an additional line to Wilmington from the North would be the advantage of a shorter line to this port through new territory. However, the Seaboard is building a second and shorter line from Charleston to Savannah, where it already has port facilities.

RUSKIN ON PREPAREDNESS

To the Editor of The Star:

Recently several of our leading statesmen have quoted the scriptures in support of the policy of increasing our military and naval forces and equipment.

Probably there has been no other writer on ethics who cited scripture so frequently and so happily as Ruskin. And while he wrote and talked to and for England, in the midde of the last century, much of what he said seems as applicable to the United States today as it was to England, fifty and seventy years ago.

In 1859 he delivered a lecture on, "The Work of Iron in Nature, Art and Policy," the last of a series entitled "The Two Paths." Under the caption "Policy" he subdivides his subject, treating of the uses of "the plough," "the fetter" and "the sword," and lover and advocate as he was of Justice and Peace, this is what he said of the use of the sword:

"3. The Sword: And its third power, which perfects it as a nation, consists in knowing how to wield the sword, so that the three talismans of national existence are expressed in these three short words—Labour, Law and Courage.

"This last virtue we at least possess, and all that is to be alleged against us is that we do not honour it enough. I do not mean honour of acknowledgement of service, though sometimes we are slow in doing even that. But we do not honour it enough in consistent regard to the lives and souls of our soldiers. How wantonly we have wasted their lives, you have seen lately of their mortality by disease, which a little care and science might have prevented but we regard their souls less than their lives, by keeping them in ignorance and idleness, and regarding them merely as instruments of battle. The argument brought forward for the maintenance of a standing army usually refers only to expediency in the case of unexpected war, whereas, one of the chief reasons for the maintenance of an army is the advantage of the military system as a method of education. The most fiery and headstrong, who are often also the most gifted and generous of your youths, have always a tendency both in the lower and upper classes to offer themselves for your soldiers; others weak and serviceable in a civil capacity, are tempted or entrapped into the army in a fortunate hour for them; out of this fiery or uncouth material, it is only soldiers discipline which can bring the full value and power. Even at present, by mere force of order and authority, the army is the salvation of myriads; and men who, under other circumstances, would have sunk into lethargy or dissipation, are redeemed into noble life by a service which at once summons and directs their energies. How much more than this military education is capable of doing, you will find only when you make it education indeed. We have no excuse for leaving our private soldiers at their present level of ignorance and want of refinement, for we shall invariably find that, both among officers and men, the gentlest and best informed are the bravest; still less have we excuse for diminishing our army, either in the present state of political events, or, as I believe, in any other conjunction of them that for many a year will be possible in this world.

"You may perhaps be surprised at my saying this; perhaps surprised at my implying that war itself can be right, or necessary, or noble at all. Nor do I speak of all war as necessary, nor of all war as noble. Both peace and war are noble or ignoble according to their kind and occasion. No man has a profounder sense of the horror and guilt of ignoble war than I have; I have personally seen its effect, upon nations, of unmitigated evil on soul and body, with perhaps as much pity, and as much bitterness of indignation, as any of those whom you will hear continually declaiming in the cause of peace. But peace may be sought in two ways. One way is as Gideon sought it, when he built his altar in Ophrah, naming it "God send peace," yet sought this peace that he loved, as he was ordered to seek it, and the peace was sent, in God's way: "The country was in quietness forty years in the days of Gideon." And the other way of seeking peace is as Menahen sought it, when he gave the King of Assyria a thousand talents of silver, that "his hand might be with him." That is, you may either win your peace, or buy it; win it, by resistance to evil; buy it, by compromise with evil. You may buy your peace, with silenced consciencess; you may buy it with broken vows; buy it, with lying words; buy it with base connivances; buy it with the blood of the slain, and the cry of the captive, and the silence of lost souls. Over hemispheres of the earth, while you sit smiling at your serence hearth, lisping comfortable prayers evening and morning, and counting your pretty Protestant beads (which are flat, and of gold, instead of round, and of ebony, as the monks' ones were), and so mutter continuously to yourselves, "Peace, peace," when there is no peace; but only captivity and death, for you, as well as for those you leave unsaved; and yours darker than theirs.

"I cannot utter to you what I would in this matter; we all see too dimly, as yet, what our great world-duties are, to allow any of us to try to outline their enlarging shadows. But think over what I have said, and as you return to your quiet homes tonight, reflect that their peace was not won for you by your own hands; but by theirs who long ago jeoparded their lives for you, their children; and remember that neither this inherited peace nor any other, can be kept, but through the same jeopardy. No peace was ever won from Fate by subterfuge or agreement; no peace is ever in store for any of us, but that which we shall win by victory over shame or sin; victory over the sin that oppresses, as well as over that which corrupts. For many a year to come, the sword of every righteous nation must be whetted to save or to subdue; nor will it be by patience of others' suffering, but by the offering of our own, that you will ever draw nearer to the time when the great change shall pass upon the iron of the earth; when men shall beat their spears into pruning hooks, neither shall they learn war any more." H.

CURRENT COMMENT.

"A Republican administration and good times" is the never ending refrain of Republican newspapers and speakers. In the South are some ten millions of Republican people. Few of them vote—but they are Republicans—and under all administrations, since 1865, they have been the poorest people in the United States. What has any Republican administration done for the negroes? They are about one-fifth of the Republican population of the United States. Whenever high protective tariff schedules are in operation, they bear harder against the negroes (nearly all of them being cotton farmers) than upon any other class of people in the United States. Republican "good times" mean good times for the Republican menufacturers. Of the people most loyally, or blindly, Republican, the Southern negroes have suffered most from Republican policies. Republican administrations have raised the price of everything they buy and of nothing that they make and sell.—Columbia State.

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JUDGES MUST BE NAMED BY DISTRICT PRIMARIES

Says Attorney General in Letter to Hon. W. P. Stacy.

Not Necessary for Superior Court Judges to Canvass Entire State for Nomination as Candidate for Office.

Hon. W. P. Stacy, recently appointed judge of the Eighth judicial district to fill out the unexpired term of Judge George Rountree, resigned, is assured in a letter just received from Attorney General Bickett that in order to receive the Democratic nomination for the next regular term as judge of this district he will have to go before the people of his own district only and not canvass the entire State.

The question has been one somewhat mooted among the lawyers of the State, who have differed in their construction of the new State-wide primary law enacted by the last Legislature. For this reason, Mr. Stacy wrote the Attorney General for his construction of the new law as to nomination of Superior court judges. Attorney General Bickett's ruling in the matter, which was announced briefly in The Star's Raleigh correspondence yesterday morning, is stated at some length in his letter to Judge Stacy. He uses the statute to show that while the law uses the words "within the territory for which such officers are to be elected," these words are to be considered in connection with the constitutional provisions for the election of judges of the Superior court.

The provisions are that the State shall be divided into a given number of districts, nine at the time Article 4, section 10 of the constitution was written. Section 11 provides that "every judge shall reside in the district for which he is elected."

In his letter to Judge Stacy, Attorney General Bickett says:

"Replying to your inquiry in regard to the construction of Section 1, of chapter 101 of the public laws of 1914, I beg to advise:

Bickett's Ruling on Judgeship.

In his ruling, at the instance of W. P. Stacy, appointed judge of the Eighth judicial district, as to the manner of nominating candidates for the Superior court bench under the new State-wide legalized primary law, Attorney General Bickett says:

"It appears that the view prevails among some good lawyers that judges of the Superior court will have to be nominated in a primary covering the entire State, instead of in a primary covering the districts for which a judge is elected. The section under consideration provides that a primary shall be held in the several election precincts within the territory for which such officers are to be elected and for the purpose of nominating candidates for each and every political party. If we consider simply the language of this section, the view that judges of Superior courts must be voted for in a State-wide primary would be not without support. But two things militate against this construction of the law:

"First, the controlling words in the statute are, 'Within the territory for which such officers are to be elected.' Now these words are to be considered in connection with the constitutional provision for the election of judges of Superior court. Article IV., Section 10 of the Constitution declares: 'The State shall be divided into nine judicial districts, for each of which a judge shall be chosen.' Section 11 declares, 'Every judge of the Superior court shall reside in the district for which he is elected.'

"It seems to be fairly plain that, while the Superior court judges are voted for by the people throughout the State, they are 'chosen' and 'elected' for a particular district. This allocation of every judge to their particular district is emphasized by the Supreme Court in State vs. Stanford, 128 N. C., 589, where the Chief Justice says, 'It is clear that there can be no judge of the Superior court in North Carolina unless there is a district to which he belongs.' Reading the words of the Act of 1915, 'Within the territory for which officers are elected,' in connection with the constitutional provision above quoted, the conclusion is reached that each judicial district must hold its own primary for the nomination of the judge for that particular district.

"Second, a familiar rule of statutory construction is that where it is proposed to make a radical departure from what has always been the custom, the purpose to make that departure under consideration might be susceptible of the construction that Superior court judges are to be nominated in a State-wide instead of in a district primary, the purpose to make such radical departure from the custom that has uniformly prevailed since the adoption of the constitution most certainly does not appear, and in the presence of a real uncertainty as to what the statute does mean, the well recognized rules of statutory construction require an adherence to the present plan."

STRONG WINDS YESTERDAY.

Miss Leitha Russ Hurt by Falling of Sign on Market Street.

There was a rather strong wind blowing yesterday morning and hanging signs and window blinds fared rather badly in some instances. Miss Leitha Russ, stenographer for J. S. Funchess & Co., happened to a painful accident as she was on her way to work yesterday morning on account of a sign being blown down in front of Green's drug store on Market street. The falling sign fell in front of her bruising her ankle and injuring her instep. Dr. Ernest Bulluck attended her and she was reported last night as resting comfortably.

O'BRIEN GETS CONTRACT.

Will Build Government Warehouse on Eagles' Island.

Mr. A. Dallam O'Brien, contractor of this city, has been awarded the contract by the United States War Department to erect the new steel fireproof warehouse for the local district engineer's office, at the government repair and storage yard on Eagles' Island, the contracting price being $670. The bids for furnishing the material were opened several weeks ago and that contract was awarded to a Baltimore concern. The total cost of the structure will be about $4,000.

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FINE SPECTACLE AT ACADEMY

"Everywoman" Exceeded Warmest Expectations—One of Greatest Productions in the Country.

A good attendance at both performances yesterday at the Academy of Music showed that Wilmington was thoroughly appreciative of one of the greatest theatrical productions that has toured the South in many a year. Writers have found it well nigh impossible to write criticisms of "Everywoman" without punning, because of the depth and breadth of meaning and sense contained in the lines and acting of each of the principals in the play, who were named for the parts they acted.

Walter Browne, the writer of the play, made an elaborate portrayal of what a broad and clear vision of the experience that awaits every woman, who travels far enough in life, to learn the meaning of her own ambitions. Beside the feature of being one of the strongest morality play of the age, the musical numbers of the play were arranged by George W. Chadwick, which insured for it the entertaining features of the best musical comedy on the road. The staging was by George Marion and presented by Henry W. Savage, which means that no detail was left out to make one of the most brilliant on the road from the standpoint of harmony of presentation and beauty and freshness of stage scenery.

The cast was well balanced and easily portrayed the young woman following the wrong track and leading herself into untold sorrow. It was hard to pick the stars among the principals. Miss Edna Porter, as "Everywoman," was far above criticism in playing what is probably the most difficult role that can be given a "star." Her beauty was superb, and she simply "lived" through the varied experiences that her part was supposed to portray. She was as natural when being crowned queen of the revels of the Great White Way, as she was as the "inexperienced" girl making her start in search of "King Love," or as the outcast on the street.

George Sydenham, as "Nobody," was a pun in himself. He represented the most unspoken wise counsel that stands out as rarest wisdom in a woman's own intuition, but invisible and inaudible to "Everywoman" when called by "Flattery." His was probably the most impressive role in the entire production, which is far too immense for any expression to do it justice. Mr. Sydenham's voice was deep and suggestive of the depth of the sense of his words.

Fred Hampton, as "Time" interpreted the role with a slowness and yet a steadiness and precision that was stellar, apparently not moving but never failing to get there and to take away that which belonged to him. Florence Gerald, as "Truth" a witch to the unknown, but with a person, a rare charm and beauty to those who know her, played in the dual role with much grace and a strength of personality that impressed the audience with the full depth of meaning of her advices.

Hazel O'Brien, Helen Molineux and Frances Simpson, a "Youth," "Beauty" and "Modesty", had the refreshing expression that made its impression in a pleasant sensation of realization of their beauties. Lillian Durkin, as "Conscience," the hand maiden of "Everywoman," made a splendid representation of this safe and sane guide for every woman, or man for that part, besides being a leading feature in the musical numbers.

Frank Kilday and F. J. McCarthy, as "Bluff" and "Stuff", theatre managers, Harry Hamilton, as "Puff" a press agent, all played their parts with an elegance that would have made stars of them in almost any play that can be seen on the road. Joseph Del Puente, as "Passion," a play actor; C. W. Homer, as "Wealth," a millionaire; Clay Cody, as "Witless," a nobleman, all of whom were playing "Everywoman" addresses, were highly typical of the personages they represented.

There were many others, whose names represented the part of life they acted, all of whom acted their parts splendidly. The chorus consisted of about a dozen young and beautiful girls, that compared favorably with any chorus that has visited Wilmington this season.

The play is reputed to be known by everybody, but in fact it is a great study. It is fair to say that the story of the play is known of by everybody and has toured the South before, but like the classic it is, the second visit in the cities it has been shown in, brings out greater attendance than the first. Each individual character is a study and is a tribute to the deep insight into human nature that enabled Walter Browne to write the play. The accumulated breadth of thought that has gathered about and radiated from "Everywoman," is suggestive in its immensity, of the classic thought in the writings of Shakespeare, touching every phase of the relations that inspire the ambitions of every woman, or any woman, together with the zenith that may be gained by unbroken success, until time finally calls away her youth, and the strenuousness of her quest has caused the death of her beauty, and she has nothing left but "Truth," and "Love".

Punsters have stated that "Every woman should see 'Everywoman'," but the beauty of the play itself is taking pretty good care of that and the record breaking audiences have marked her whole tour this season.

Henry W. Savage has scored his greatest triumph in the presentation of "Everywoman." For in the maze and mesh of trashy theme and tinseled trumphery so common to the drama of today, "Everywoman" stands out as an epoch of truth and sincerity. Conceived and written on a plane infinitely higher than the average play of the present age, Savage has spared no expense, overlooked no artifice and let escape no talent that would serve to make the presentation worthy of the subject.

"Everywoman" is a great artist's conception of the chief aim in the life of womanhood composite—the quest of love. And though, through one of the pranks of leering fate, Browne himself never lived to enjoy his triumph, dying on the night before its initial presentation in New York City, his message lives and breathes with the high and sincere purpose dominating this wonderful plea in behalf of every woman.

Robbed Youth of $5 Bill.

The young son of Mr. R. E. Blake was robbed at the corner of Eighth and Princess streets of a $5 bill by a small negro boy, Friday afternoon. The negro snatched the money and ran. The police were called and a search was made, but no trace of the robber was found.

"Wi-no-ca," the coming residential place. (Advertisement.)

NO CONTINUATION OF PERSONAL CONTROVERSY

Between Chairman W. A. McGirt and Dr. C. T. Nesbitt.

Misunderstandings as to Motives Cleared Up Through Intervention of Members of the Board of Health Yesterday.

There is to be no continuation of the personal controversy regarding the management of the New Hanover county home between Chairman W. A. McGirt, of the Board of Health and the Board of Commissioners, and Dr. Charles T. Nesbitt, county health officer. This much was agreed upon late yesterday afternoono at the close of a lengthy session of the Board of Health when the two men through the friendly efforts of members of the Board agreed to shake hands and lay aside personal differences, each admitting that there had been a misunderstanding on his part as to the motive of the other.

The meeting of the Board was called by Chairman McGirt for the sole purpose, as he expressed it, of investigating the question of veracity between himself and Dr. Nesbitt, which had developed following the criticism of some features of the county home by the latter in his report to the Board of Health on Tuesday night of last week. Chairman McGirt asked Mayor Moore, a member of the board, to preside at the meeting in order that he might present his side of the controversy. All of the other members of the Board including Drs. Bolles and Cranmer and Professor Catlett were in attendance and also a number of interested citizens.

Among those who spoke at length on the county home affairs were: Dr. Bolles, Hon. W. P. Stacy, Mr. Frank Herbst, Road Superintendent Burnett and Dr. Cranmer. All of these visited the home the past week and each declared that in his opinion it was being conducted in a first class manner and is an institution that is a credit to the county.

Dr. Nesbitt discussed his report in some detail and declared that he had had no other idea except to take up certain phases of work at the institution which he thought could be improved and that he felt sure that those in charge are doing the very best they can. He reviewed the different criticisms he had made and spoke highly of the work that Dr. Thames had accomplished since he has been assistant health officer.

Chairman McGirt at the outset of the meeting declared it was unnecessary for him to say he was vitally interested in the work of the Health Department and he was perfectly willing to stand upon his record. When Dr. Nesbitt had submitted his report, he had called attention of the county health officer to the fact that it was his opinion that the criticisms contained in it were too severe and had insisted that he go out and make an investigation before filing it. He had made no objection to its publication, he declared, but he felt he had said enough to convince the members of the Board that it would be well to take time before accepting it.

He referred to the publication of statements by himself and Dr. Nesbitt in the public press and declared that he could stand irrevocably upon his original position in the matter.

All the members of the Board of Health expressed themselves as regretting exceedingly that the controversy had arisen and felt that it was most unfortunate. That there had been misunderstandings by both Dr. Nesbitt and Chairman McGirt was apparent. Without going into the merits of the respective sides of the controversy, Dr. Bolles suggested that they agree to lay aside any personal differences.

After much discussion in which practically every member of the Board took part, it was finally suggested by Drs. Bolles and Cranmer that Dr. Nesbitt admit that he misunderstood Chairman McGirt when he labored under the impression that he was making of the controversy a matter of politics and that Chairman McGirt admit he had been under the wrong impression when he considered the report made by the health officer to be a personal reflection on anyone connected with the county home and that he had made it solely from conscientious motives.

Dr. Nesbitt had previously agreed to this and after he had again stated his willingness to this understanding, the meeting adjourned, as he and Chairman McGirt clasped hands.

The hearing was opened at 3 o'clock and after Chairman McGirt had made his statement he asked that some correspondence be read between Dr. Nesbitt and Rev. William E. Cox. Among other things, there was an expression on the part of Mr. Cox of high regard for Mr. and Mrs. Rasberry, who have charge of the county home.

Dr. Bolles then made a statement in which after expressing regret that the controversy had arisen, stated that he and Dr. Cranmer in company with Chairman McGirt and Commissioner Kerr had visited the county home on Thursday of last week. They had made a thorough investigation and had found everything to be clean and the surroundings comfortable. The rooms were well kept. They found that the inmates had plenty to eat and that they preferred to have their meals served in their rooms.

Dr. Bolles did not believe that strict discipline could be enforced at the home and doubted if it would be wise. After a thorough examination he had been convinced in his belief that a competent nurse is needed at the institution. He thought this was no reflection on either Mr. or Mrs. Rasberry. Out of 35 or 40 people he did not think that more than five or six of them were competent to do any work of any consequence. He did not think that it was possible to carry on the work at the home with the inmates but believed that competent help should be secured. He felt sure Mr. and Mrs. Rasberry are doing all they can. He could see nothing wrong with letting the inmates visit in the city occasionally, if they did it with the permission of the superintendent. He referred to the dosing of medicine, referred to by Or. Nesbitt in his report, and stated that Mr. and Mrs. Rasberry stated they gave medicine according to directions.

Dr. Bolles discussed Dr. Nesbitt's report at length and declared that he thought nothing more was meant than to call attention to what he considered deficiencies in the management of the institution.

Dr. Cranmer endorsed what Dr. Bolles had to say and while the insti-

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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Concord Chapter, R. A. M. Affair of Last Summer Recorded in Publication of Book.

The proceedings of Centennial Celebration of Concord Chapter, No. 1, Royal Arch Masons, which was observed on June 18th last in honor of the chapter having received its warrant from the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, May 4th, 1815, have been published in book form, and the book issued the past week, being published by local members. It is bound in attractive reddish colored cover paper and contains 83 pages of interesting reading matter and photographs.

There is a large amount of information in the book concerning Concord Chapter from its earliest days, 100 years ago, when Mr. Jacob Hartman was High Priest, to the present when this high office is filled by Dr. John Thames.

Among the speeches contained in the booklet are the address of welcome by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, of this city; the response by H. S. Everett, of Phoenix; "Progress in Masonry," by Hon. Henry A. Grady, of Clinton; "An Arch Without a Keystone," by W. C. Wicker, Grand Lecturer, Grand Chapter, North Carolina; "The Bible and Freemasonry," by Hon. Henry Banks, P. G., H. P., Captain of the Host, General Grand Chapter, U. S. A., and a "Toast" by Dr. C. L. Pridgen.

The book also contains pictures of the following officers: John Thames, High Priest; E. L. Fonvielle, Scribe; W. R. Nye, King; S. L. Boyd, Captain of Host; E. O. Penny, treasurer; and J. H. Taylor, Jr., secretary. It contains a photograph of Mr. Jacob Hartman, High Priest, Concord Chapter, R. A. M., 1815. It has a picture of the Masonic building dedicated in 1805 and the present Masonic Temple on South Front street. A full list of the officers and members of the Lodge are contained in the booklet.

HISTORIAL COMMITTEE TO MEET IN RALEIGH TUESDAY

Confederate Veterans Will Consider Matter of Writing History of State.

General James I. Metts, commander of the United Confederate Vtterans of North Carolina, has called a meeting of the historical committee, which was recently appointed to take up the matter of having a history of North Carolina during the war between the States written. The meeting is to be held in Raleigh on Tuesday of this week and at this time the question of securing funds to finance the undertaking will be discussed. It is proposed to secure some competent man to write the history and to secure enough money so that full and complete investigation can be made on all disputed points.

General Metts is chairman of the committee, appointed to take up the matter, and the remaining members are as follows: General W. L. London, Pittsboro; R. H. Hicks, Rocky Mount; J. S. Carr, Durham; Col. A. H. Boyden, Salisbury.

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MOSELEY GETS 60 DAYS.

Wesley Bland to be Heard Tomorrow. In Jail in Default of Bond.

Tom Mosely, colored, was sentenced to 60 days on the county roads in default of $5 and costs, drawing the only road sentence that was handed out yesterday in the Recorder's court. Mosely was found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon.

Wesley Bland, colored, is in jail in default of $100 bond on a charge of assault with deadly weapon and carrying concealed weapon. Each case was continued to Monday and the bond in each was named as $50. Tom Hawkins, colored, was tried on two different charges of disorderly conduct, in one of which he was taxed with the costs, while a verdict of not giulty was found in the second.

Herbert Larkins, colored, is out on good behavior. He was found guilty of vagrancy, but because the Recorder didn't think him so deeply guilty and on promise of doing better, offered that judgment be continued as long as he shows good behavior. This means that he is free to work and behave himself, but the first time he gets into anything else, this case will come up against him again and he will be sentenced for both offenses. Haynes Monroe, colored, was found not guilty of vagrancy.

TO PREACH TO CONDUCTORS

Rev. Dr. W. H. Milton Will Deliver Their Annual Sermon.

Rev. Dr. W. H. Milton, rector of St. James Episcopal church, will preach the annual sermon for the Wilmington members of the Order of Railway Conductors at St. James' church this evening at 7:45 o'clock.

The subject of this important sermon will be "Inspiration in the Common Life." A large attendance of conductors is expected in addition to the members of the parish.

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Match Boxes	Bar Pins	Meat Platters
Lingerie Clasps	Pocket Knives	Napkin Holders
Bracelets	Shirt Studs	Trivets
Cameo Pins	Vanities	Shaving Sets
Beads, gold and pearl	Chains	Sherbet Cups
Gold Thimbles	Tie Clasps	Almond Sets
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Ear Rings	Vegetable Dishes	Coin Holders
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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Miss Rachel Pearsall will sing "Entreat Me Not to Leave Thee," at the service this morning at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church.

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Miss Adelaide Worth has returned home to spend the Christmas holidays from New Haven, Conn., where she has been in school.

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There were 654 Red Cross seals sold at the postoffice booth yesterday Chaperones for Monday are Mrs. W. L. Parsley and Mrs. Jos. King.

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Mrs. C. L. Carter will play Beethoven's "Menuet" at the Business Men's Bible class of the First Baptist church this morning at 9:45 o'clock.

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At the 8 o'clock service this evening at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Mrs. McCarver, violinist, and Miss Luck, 'cellist, will render a special musical programme.

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The play, "Diamonds and Hearts," will be presented next Tuesday, December 21st, at the Masonboro school house for the benefit of the school. The play will begin at 8 P. M. The public is cordially invited.

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The George Davis Chapter, Children of the Confederacy, are selling copies of "Diary of a Tar Heel Soldier." This book will make a splendid Christmas present. Those wishing to buy should see Miss Veritas Sanders, No. 411 North Third street, or phone 1314-W.

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A masquerade ball was given Friday night at Bolton for the benefit of the village Christmas tree, and there were more than 100 couples in attendance. A box supper was an interesting and enjoyable feature. A gold watch charm, set with diamonds, was given to Mr. J. D. DeBot, as a token of esteem, and a silver shaving set was presented to Mr. M. M. Harten. Miss Isma Klinger, as "Miss Columbia," and Dr. S. A. Smith, in "Louis 14th" costume, won the prize for being the best masked couple at the ball. Music was furnished by the West-Whitlock Orchestra, of this city.

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Yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer: "Rev. and Mrs. M. T. Plyler left last night, for Wilmington and Mrs. Plyler to join her children on a visit to relatives at Gatesville. Mr. Plyler goes to take up his work as pastor of Grace Street Methodist church at Wilmington having been assigned to this station by Conference week before last. He has been presiding elder of the Raleigh district for the past year and has made a large number of friends both in Raleigh and throughout the district who regret to see him and his family leave Raleigh."

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CAPE FEAR CHAPTER TO MEET MONDAY AFTERNOON

(Contributed.)

As the 19th of this month comes on Sunday, the regular monthly meeting of Cape Fear Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be held at the W. L. I. armory tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. This chapter stands at the head of the list of over 90 chapters in the State, contributing to the educational, historical, benevolent and memorial work of this wonderful organization of Southern women which has a membership in the different parts of the country of one hundred thousand, who are engaged in building monuments to our living and our dead, giving scholarships to boys and girls who are descendants of Southern men, whose principles are today a vital element of government. Why should we remember some and forget those who gave their lives for us? A full attendance at the meetings will encourage those who give their time and talents without money and without price.

NO CONTINUANCE OF PERSONAL DIFFERENCE

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tution no doubt could be improved upon, he considered it most excellently managed and had found the inmates "perfectly satisfied."

Road Superintendent Burnett told of visiting the home and had found the inmates thoroughly satisfied. The only complaints he had heard were with reference to Dr. Thames.

Mr. Frank Herbst stated that he had visited the county home on Friday and he could endorse all that Dr. Bolles had said. He had found the inmates better cared for than is the case in hundreds of homes in Wilmington. The only complaint had been with reference to insufficient medical attention.

Mr. J. A. Orrell, county auditor, stated he had always found Superintendent Rasberry an easy man to get along with.

Hon. W. P. Stacy before making any statement declared he had gone into the matter with much reluctance at the request of two members of the Board of Commissioners. As attorney for that Board he had made some investigation. As to matters of health conditions he could not undertake to make any statement but as to the business management he had no criticisms to make. Referring to some statement that had been made, he expressed the hope that his appearance before the Board would not be construed as "peanut politics."

All that he could say of the institution had been expressed by Dr. Bolles. He had found one almost universal complaint among the inmates and that was as to the attending physician. Otherwise they appeared to be satisfied. From the standpoint of the Commissioners he did not think that there should be criticism. He had visited the insane asylum at Raleigh and conditions there were no better than at the county home. He could make no suggestion as to how the management of the institution could be improved.

He read a report prepared by J. A. McNorton, Esq., who with Mr. Stacy and Chairman McGirt visited the home yesterday morning. Mr. McNorton was taken ill yesterday afternoon and could not attend the hearing. His notes gave the answers of some 18 or 20 inmates of the home as to questions asked them. Practically all of them stated that they were satisfied with their surroundings.

Chairman McGirt wanted to submit the grand jury reports for the last year, containing approvals of the manner in which the home has been conducted. Dr. Nesbitt stated that he would admit this without going into that matter.

Dr. Nesbitt after the statements by the other "witnesses" discussed his report declaring that he had in mind no personal criticisms when he made his report. He thought that Supt. and Mrs. Rasberry were doing the best they could. He did think that certain disciplinary measures could be enforced and certain changes made that would prove beneficial. He felt that it was unfortunate that his report should have been construed as a criticism.

He read from the statute defining the duties of a county physician, the position filled by Dr. Thames, which states that he visit the sick in the jails, convict camps and county homes at the call of the superintendent in charge. This had never been adhered to strictly in New Hanover county but the health department had gone even further. As to the criticism of Dr. Thames, he stated, that the assistant county health officer has to cover a wide field and had rendered most efficient service. As quarantine officer he had cut communicable diseases in half. In school inspection work he had rendered a service that will be lasting in its results. He referred to the numerous duties of Dr. Thames and declared that the indigent poor are inclined to be grumblers and that their testimony should not be taken too seriously. To make him the scapegoat would be to place on the altar a man who has done everything a man can do. As for himself Dr. Nesbitt stated he had no defense to make.

He discussed the matter of taking medicine, showing how the Health Department had taken out of all the institutions of the county the medicine chests and that it had been a hard matter to get the inmates away from the habit of taking medicines whenever they thought they needed it.

He did not think that it was good for the discipline of the home for the inmates to be roaming around over the country. As to the grand jury reports, Chairman McGirt could go back three or four years and yet a circuit judge had been responsible for criticisms after that time that had resulted in making the convict camps in this county the best in the State, if not in the South. His criticism of failure to send inmates to the dining room had been based on a visit made several months ago when he had found the negroes taking their food in pans and eating it out on the grass. He thought this was unsanitary and wasteful.

He again stated that he had no criticism to make of Superintendent and Mrs. Rasberry but declared that it was physically impossible for them to look after all the things that might be called to their attention.

Following Dr. Nesbitt's statement there was an informal discussion and after Drs. Bolles and Drs. Cranmer and Professor Catlett had each in the name of the people of the community asked that the controversy be stopped, the statements by Dr. Nesbitt and Chairman McGirt were agreed to and the meeting adjourned.

BRIGADE LYCEUM NUMBER

Derva DeLeon Company Will Give Entertainment on Weanesday Night.

As announced last month, the third number on the Boys' Brigade Lyceum Course will be the Derva DeLeon Co., on next Wednesday night. Then will follow Colangelo's Italian band and Orchestra on January 19, and Prof. Louis Williams, electrical wizard, on January 28. Indeed the course is only fairly started, notwithstanding the fact that the most expensive single number has been presented. This number consisted of high class music, and was enthusiastically appreciated by the music loving people who filled the auditorium to hear the Grand Opera artists. The management has endeavored to arrange a thoroughly varied course, each number differing essentially from all the others. And when it is noted that among the seven numbers left, there are besides the above, Dr. Charles Lane, humorist, and the Dunbar Male Quartette and Bell Ringers, ticket holders will realize that there is a feast of good things in store for them.

The Dorva DeLeon Co., which will be the next number on Wednesday evening of this week, is a company of four unique artists. They are especially interesting for the grat number of musical instruments they use—some 12 or 15

The full personnel of the company is as follows:

Mme. Claire Dorva—Operatic soprano and instrumentalist; violin, viola, mandolin, banjourine, guitar, lyre and piano.

Professor V. DeLeon—Mandolin, guitar, mandolin, banjo, lute, and novelties.

Mr. Wesley C. Lockhart—Piano soloist, accompanist and pianologuist.

Miss Elizabeth Lorraine Beattie—Reader.

Nat Goodwin, whose chief claim to fame aside from being a first class actor is his numerous marriages, will appear in Wilmington with his company in "Never Say Die" on Wednesday night. Mr. Goodwin will close his tour in the South on Saturday night with an engagement in Norfolk, Va. He will then take his company to Boston, Mass., where he will appear for six weeks.

Announcement

This Store will be open evenings 'til 9 o'clock.

A. D. BROWN

PRACTICAL GIFTS

PERSONALS.

—Mr. J. Pritchard Orr, who has been attending the Fleet school near Hendersonville, was in Wilmington yesterday en route to Currie, where he will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Orr.

INSURE AT REGISTRY WINDOW

Postoffice Department Makes Concession for Holiday Mailing.

Beginning tomorrow, all parcels to be insured for mailing in the parcel post, can be handled at the Registry window at the Postoffice until after the holiday rush. This concession was made to relieve the congestion at the stamp window and because Postmaster H. McL. Green wishes to render satisfactory service.

Patrons will present parcels at the stamp window for rating and postage. The stamp clerk will hand out insurance tags, to be filled out by the sender, who will present it at the registry window and be properly receipted. It is especially important that all information asked for be given, and written in the proper place on the tag.

To properly make out one of these tags, it is necessary to fill out the name and address of the person to whom the parcel is being sent on the first section of the tag, this to be put on the package for direction. The middle section is for the information of the local postoffice, and should contain a statement of the value, name and address of the person to whom the parcel is being sent, as well as the name and address of the sender. The receipt at the end is to be left blank for the clerk to fill out and give back to the sender.

Stamps will be on sale at the general delivery window as well as the other windows.

MADE SPLENDID GRADE.

Honor Roll of Seagate School for the Month of November.

The honor roll of the Seagate school for the month of November contained the following names:

First Grade—Bernice Bowen, Bennie Melton, Mary Jane Melton, Frances Capps, Athalia Summerlin, Hattie Howell, Marie Hines.

Second—Albert Sneeden, Robert Larkins, Joe Batton.

Third—Dora Canady, Norman Canady, Evelyn Reynolds.

Fourth—Rosa Alford, Willie Alford, Erle Thomas, Christine Bowens, Sandy Jones, Evelyn Rogers.

Fifth—Lula Summerlin, Virgina Rogers, Lucy Tart, Melissa Hines, Mary Rosaline Bowden, Anne May Larkins, Sadie Carnie, John Hines, Reuben Butler, Raymon Miller.

Sixth—Margaret Porter, Marie Woodcock, Irving Padrick, Isabel Carney, Thomas Tartt, Mary Piner, Sadie Butler, Willie Brooks, Sudie Batton.

Seventh—Bessie Larkins, Sammy Miller, Clyde Jones.

THIEVES AGAIN OPERATIVE

Two Homes Entered Friday Night —Forcing Christmas Presents.

Following several weeks of quiet, robbers were again operative Friday night. They had been like lots of little boys in the city, "being good just before Santa Claus' annual visit," but evidently decided that it would be more desirable to get things in the "natural way," than to have gifts made to them.

Entry was made in the home of Mr. J. D. Dosher, No. 301 Harnett street, and only 20 cents were taken. The thief went to the second floor and started to enter the room of Mrs. Schulken who resides there, and when she screamed, he departed through a back window where he had entered.

Entrance was gained to the residence of Mr. R. C. Platt, No. 509 Grace street, through a back window and $5 was taken from the pockets of Mr. Platt's clothes in his room. The police were unable to make any arrests in either case.

TENNIS TOURNAMENTS

Interest is Warming Up in This Popular Pastime.

There were two enthusiastic tennis tournaments held yesterday afternoon by the local league in which "Red" Burnett and M. J. Smith won first honors, by defeating Hugh Bowen and Paul Hammond in two straight sets, the scores being 6 to 3 and 7 to 3. Messrs. Hammond and Bowen in the second tournament were defeated by Messrs. Weathers and Smith in three sets, the scores being 6 to 4, 9 to 7 and 6 to 2.

The feature of the tournament was Weathers' "back twist" service, which prevented him from losing during the entire series, and Hammonds' "Elbow Movement" forward drives, which would have won him many more points, but for the wood on his racket.

BROTHERHOOD ELECTS OFFICERS.

St. John's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in Annual Meet.

At the annual meeting of the St. John's Chapter, No. 2,118, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Director, ex-officio, Rev. W. E. Cox; director, J. Marion James; vice director, W. C. Curtiss; secretary, J. O. Strother; treasurer, J. Edwin Bunting.

Dear Madame: As the approach of the "Yuletide" is upon us, we know you don't want to waste your time in baking your cakes. Let us take the worry from you. Our cakes are made from the best material and baked to your liking. Prices: Dark fruit cake, 25 cents pound; light fruit cake, 25 cents per pound; Pullman pound, 2 1-2 pound, 50 cents; Sally White cake, 25 cents per pound. Yours truly, Farris Bakery, Phone 626. (Advertisement).

HAVE YOU FIFTEEN REAL FRIENDS?

If so, you will want them to receive some evidence of your good will at Christmas. Instead of expensive gifts, the custom now to send Christmas Cards is more universal than ever. We have prepared a Special Package of Christmas Greeting Cards from Steel Engravings, consisting of fifteen of our most popular designs. They come in envelopes, all ready to mail, and the lot is sent post paid for one dollar.

This assortment is an unusual value and you will have much satisfaction in sending such a stylish and artistic token of a Christmas remembrance. These cards have space for sender's name, and if you have a card plate we will print them from it at an extra cost of 75c. Order Now. J. P. Stevens Engraving Co., Atlanta, Ga.

Meeting of Boys' League.

There will be a meeting of the Boys' League at the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon at 4:45 o'clock, the feature of which will be an address by Rev. W. V. McRae, pastor of Trinity Methodist church. There will be special music by the orchestra, a solo by Mr. William Murphy and a reading by Miss Dorothy Boone.

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Men's $15.00 All Worsted Suits for $9.95
Men's Overcoats, newest style, $5.95 to $22.50
Men's Shirts, 25c, 50c, 69c, 98c and $1.50
Men's and Boys' Neckwear, 25c, 39c, 50c
Men's and Boys' Handkerchiefs, $5c, 10c, 15c and 25c
Men's Dress Gloves.. . .$1.00 and $1.50
Men's Work Gloves 25c, 50c, $1.00, $1.50
Men's and Boys' Caps 25c, 50c and $1.00
Men's Hose, silk and lisle, 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c and 50c
Men's and Boys' Hats, 50c, 98c, $1.50 and Up to $4.00
Men's Stetson Hats, at $3.50 and $3.95
Men's and Boys' Rain Coats.
Men's and Boys' Suspenders, 15c, 25c and 50c
Men's and Boys' Belts 10c, 25c and 50c

Notions and Fancy Goods

Ostrich Neck Ruffs, 75c, 98c, $1.48, $2.50
Newest Collar and Cuff Sets, 25c, 50c
Hand Bags, leather or fabric, 25c, $5.00
Handkerchiefs, Christmas boxes, 10c to $1.50
Ladies' and Children's Hosiery, silk or lisle, all colors.
Jewelry—All the popular Cuff Pins, Bar Pins, Brooches, Waist Sets, Cuff Links, Etc . . . . .25c and 50c
Brush and Comb Sets.
Silver Novelties.
Ivoroid Toilet Sets.
Ladies' French Kid Gloves, all colors, at $1.25
Fancy Clocks 79c, $1.00, $1.25

RUGS AND CARPETS.

9x12 Willow Grass Rugs $7.95
9x12 Wool Rugs.
9x12 Tapestry Rugs.
9x12 Wilton Rugs.
3x 6 Willow Grass Rugs, at $1.48
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No gift is more lasting than a good Trunk or Bag, and they're the kind that keep the remembrance longest.
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For Men, Women and Children, in all the new shapes and colors.

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The things men should buy for their wives and mothers. They always appreciate something nice for the home.
Good quality 68 in. Mercerized Table Linen 39c
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EVENTS OF A WEEK IN AND ABOUT LUMBERTON

Never More Preparation for Holiday Trade Before.

Residence Burned—Mistrial in Biggs-Carlyle Case—School Takes Vacation—Chief Redfern Ill —Robbery at St. Pauls.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 18.—More elaborate preparations for the holiday season have not been seen here in many, many years that have been made for the approaching festive season. The whole business section of town has caught the holiday spirit and most of the stores are a joy to gaze upon. The large department stores of R. D. Caldwell & Son never prevented a more inviting appearance than now; White & Cough have the most beautifully decorated windows they have ever shown.

The Pope Drug Company's display window is perhaps the most attractively decorated in town. Mr. Regan McIntyre, salesman, has the credit for arranging the window which the many hundreds of admirers pronounce "simply grand." The Lumberton Bargain House and the 5 and 10-cent store are showing displays that will cause hurrying people to stop in admiration. The big department store of Mr. L. H. Caldwell is another wonder of beauty in the art of decorating.

At 2 o'clock yesterday morning the residence of Mrs. Wingate Edmund on First street was completely destroyed by fire of undetermined origin. The building was a large two-story structure, practically new. The building was insured with Mr. S. H. Hamilton for $2,500 and the furniture with Mr. Q. T. Williams for $750. Hard work of the firemen saved other near-by buildings.

The two weeks term of Superior court adjourned Thursday evening for the term. The Biggs-Carlyle will case resulted in a mistrial and was continued till next term. This case attracted much attention and is being watched with much interest, a large amount being involved. Both sides are well represented by the most brilliant legal talent, ex-Governor Kitchin being one among the number of able lawyers employed.

Messrs. Grantham Bros., of St. Pauls, have purchased the stock of the McDonald Drug Company, of Lumberton, which recently went into the hands of a receiver. Mr. P. R. Hamlet, for some time manager of the business, will still be retained in that capacity. Shortly after Christmas work will begin remodeling the drug store; the floor will be lowered, the entrance will be on the corner, and other improvements will be made.

While waiting for the early train from Wilmington one morning this week, a minister of the gospel was entertained by a young traveling man who evidently had graduated in some things. Every time his mouth opened a "cuss" word hit the minister in the face. The kid "cussed" the trains for being late, "cussed" the cold weather, "cussed" because the merchants wouldn't buy from him, and if he left anything off it was because the train came in. But he was a pretty boy and wanted to be seen. He wore a wise look and carried a cigar in the corner of his mouth at an upward angle of about 90 degrees. The minister said to The Star man, "Please let him see himself in the paper."

Mr. J. Wesley Britt, for some time operating the "Cottonwood Inn," the old Lumberton hotel, announces that he will move to Fayetteville next week where he will engage in the hotel business on a larger scale. The old hotel was badly damaged by fire and water two weeks ago and under the law can not be repaired. In its present condition it cannot be occupied, and only the erection of a new building will put that corner in business again.

The graded school closed yesterday for the holidays and will re-open on Tuesday, January 4th. All the non-resident teachers left for their respective homes yesterday evening and today.

Material has been placed at the union passenger station to be used in putting in concrete floors throughout the building, and it is supposed the work will be done in a short time.

Chief of Police Redfern went to Charlotte last Sunday to consult a specialist. The chief is suffering from stomach trouble, and his condition is much more serious than he or his friends thought, it is said. The specialist has written Dr. Johnson, the chief's physician, that it will require several weeks' treatment to restore him to a condition where he will be able to work. Health Officer Spivey is acting chief in the meantime.

There never was, it is safe to assert, so much fruit in Lumberton at any one time as at present. Mr. R. C. Birmingham stated that his company has received for the holiday trade nearly 1,000 baxes of Florida oranges and about 500 barrels of apples.

It is reported that the express office at St. Pauls was robbed Wednesday night, the night following the robbery of the express office here. Booze seems to be what the thieves are most interested in, but it is said that at St. Paul they carried away the small iron safe, weighing probably a hundred pounds, but it contained no money. A man from St. Pauls last night said no trace of the safe had been found.

The boys and girls who have been attending school at other places are already arriving for the holidays.

A farmer came by this morning with a box of fresh eggs to sell. He said he would take 25 cents per dozen; that 25 cents was too much and over that was robbery, but he thought where people were satisfied to pay 25 cents it was no harm to take it. The farmer showed no signs of insanity or symptoms of bad health.

All passenger trains from the North and West seem to have discarded schedules for the past two weeks, the only trains making connections coming in here being from Wilmington and Marion in the evening. Only one time in two weeks have the Raleigh and Greensboro morning papers been delivered here until the next morning after publication.

Many friends in Lumberton were grieved a few days ago at the news of the death of Mr. Fred Skipper in Wilmington. Only a short time before his death Mr. Skipper had spent several days here with relatives. He and the writer had been friends more than 25 years. Mr. Skipper was a nephew of the late Mrs. Ellen Linkhaw, of Lumberton.

Gilbert Lovett, of Britt's township, killed one day this week a pig two and one-half years old which weighed after being dressed 610 pounds. Gilbert says the Bladen man will have to come again.

This will be the writer's last weekly communication before Christmas, and he wishes all The Star force, from the devil up, all its readers and friends everywhere an occasion of much pleasure, with not a single headache or heartache the morning after. W.S.W.

SOLID CAR LOAD GREY TROUT

Taken at One Catch Near Beaufort—Shipped North.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 18.—One of the largest catches of grey trout ever made in waters of Eastern North Carolina, was made late yesterday afternoon about ten miles off Beaufort when a solid car load of this variety of the members of the finny tribe were caught by the crew of a fishing boat owned by a Morehead City fishing company.

The fish were last packed in boxes and this morning passed through Newbern en route to Northern markets. The catch is estimated to be worth more than two thousand dollars as grey trout sell for a large price.

BUY RED CROSS SEALS

Colonel Fairbrother Advises North Carolinians.

(State Board of Health.)

"Do your duty, buy Red Cross seals," is the message that Colonel Al Fairbrother sends back to all North Carolinians this Christmas season. Colonel Fairbrother, the gifted and popular editor of "Everything," is now in Arizona seeking recovery from pulmonary tuberculosis. He realizes the power for good that lies in the movement of selling Red Cross Christmas Seals as a means of fighting tuberculosis and advises the people back in the Home State to do their duty about this matter and buy Red Cross Seals for Christmas.

"DUKE OF BRUNSWICK" WANTS OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER

Hon. George H. Bellamy in Washington Admits His Candidacy.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Another candidate is to enter the race for one of the many positions held by the "old guard" in Raleigh. Congressman H. L. Godwin, of the Sixth Congressional district, has authorized the statement that George H. Bellamy, of El Paso, "the Duke of Brunswick," will be a candidate for the office of State Auditor. The Duke, who was here, himself admitted that he would be a candidate.

Mr. Bellamy declares that many of his friends have urged him to make the race and after due deliberation he has decided to do so. He says he is in close touch with the farmers and other Democrats of the State, and that he believes he can be elected.

It is understood that he will have the backing of many of the leading Democrats of Eastern North Carolina, as well as a liberal following from the western half of the State.

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CHANGES IN BRITISH MUNITIONS ACT ASKED

Serious Trouble Among Laborers Threatened.

Workers in Scotland in Particular are on the Verge of Revolt—Provisions of Act are Declared to be Unjust.

London, Dec. 10. — (Correspondence of Associated Press). — A bill to amend the munitions act has been drafted to meet complaints that provisions of the original act are unjust. Serious labor troubles are threatened unless reforms are brought about, the sense of grievance among munition workers in Scotland, particularly, having become almost as bitter as it can be without a revolt.

Under the original act, it is necessary for men who leave the government-controlled factories to get certificates from their employers before they can obtain work elsewhere. Many employers have refused to grant such certificates to men they have dismissed. A proposed amendment makes it obligatory for the employer to furnish certificates even to discharged men and it also forbids him to endorse on the paper the offenses that caused the discharge. It is expected this change will do much to conciliate the complaining workers.

A second amendment extends the application of the act. It states that munition work, for the purposes of the act, shall include not only all direct work on munitions, but all subsidiary work such as building and repair work on munitions factories, the supply of light and power for the manufacture of munitions, and the manufacture of machinery and raw material for munitions. Thus practically all war work for the government and all the working people employed in it come under government control, which means the employes lose the right to strike and even the right to leave a job voluntarily.

The Labor party has asked for still another change. All offenses against the act are tried before a tribunal, at present composed of a chairman appointed by the Minister of Munitions and two other members representing employers and employes, respectively, the decision being left to the chairman. The labor leaders ask that employers and workers be given two representatives each, and the decision go to the majority of the five votes, the accused reserving the right to appeal to the courts. They also ask that when a workman is tried for neglect of duty and acquitted that he be paid for the time spent in court.

Standardization of wages and working conditions is also asked as the proper corollary of the measure depriving the workman of the right to strike or leave his job. This will be considered when the bill is brought up in Parliament.

There is also discussion of the proposition of giving women representation on the tribunal on account of the large number of women workers employed in munitions factories.

Mr. Lloyd George, the minister of munitions, has recently circularized a letter to the effect that the best possible use is not being made of either machinery or labor in government-controlled establishments. He finds that there is too large a proportion of skilled men employed in proportion to the semi-skilled or unskilled, while in some districts night shifts are not properly organized.

Employers are requested to furnish detailed information as to the assignment of their skilled labor and to take steps to replace skilled men with unskilled men or women wherever possible so as to use the skilled workers as foremen for increased work.

In a subsequent letter, Lloyd George says he intends to form a new set of rules governing the employment and wages of women. The question of pay of women and unskilled men has been difficult to solve on account of the jealous regard of the labor union for their old rights and privileges, so the government has to guard against the war-workers appearing in the light of strike breakers in unions' eyes and against jeopardizing the future positions of union men after the war.

LIEUT. L. M. CHARLES DEAD

Veteran of Civil War Passes Away Near Long Creek, N. C.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Long Creek, N. C., Dec. 18.—Your correspondent regrets to record the death of another old veteran of the Civil War, Lieut. L. M. Charles, of Long Creek, at the ripe old age of 79. Another victim of unnatural strife, he carried his many wounds through 50 years. His death occurred at a quarter of nine o'clock this morning. He leaves a wife and five children, Messrs J. W. Charles and Louis F. Charles, of Montague; Mrs. Agnes Wallace, Mrs. Annie Lewis and Miss Maggie Charles, of Long Creek. The funeral will be held at 3 30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, the 19th at the old family burying ground on the premises of Mrs J. H. Montague, near Montague, N. C.

WILL NOT OPPOSE KITCHIN.

Mr. Carr, of Wilson, Says He Will Not be Candidate in Second.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 18.—On several occasions during the past few days the news story has been printed in various newspapers to the effect that Mr. F. L. Carr, of Wilson, would be a candidate for the seat in the House of Representatives now held by Claude Kitchin. Mr. Carr states that he is not and will not be a candidate and will continue to give his personal attention to his business interests here. He said further that he had no idea how the report started as he has never considered the matter.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 18.—The Republican state committee today was called to meet December 30 for the purpose of calling a state convention to name delegates and alternates to the national convention and nominate candidates for United States senator, Governor and railroad commission.

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LORRAINE IS WORLD'S GREATEST GRAVEYARD

Colonies of Dead Are to be Found Everywhere.

Both French and Germans Lie Under the Newly Formed Sod, the Graves Being Marked by Lines of Wooden Crosses.

(Correspondence of Associated Press)

Pont-a-Mousson, France, Dec. 5.—French Lorraine is the great cemetery in the world. Colonies of dead, marked by lines of crude wooden crosses, lie everywhere under newly formed sod at the edges of woods and thickets and in ravines—Germans and French. The shifting of battle scenes may be traced by following them. They are thickest there where was fought the great battle for Nancy that began with the retreat of the French from Morhange and reached its climax during the battle of the Marne. The number has been continually swelled since in the 14 months' struggle in the Woevre and the Vosges.

Saint Genevieve, Essey, the Amances, the Heights of Cuittes, Velaine, Gerbevillers and the Grand Couronne de-Nancy, Etain, the Eparges, the Bois Brule, the Bois Apremont, the Bois Saint Mansuy, and the Bois le Pretre in the Woevre are so many cemeteries, nearly all of them with crosses bearing names already illustrious. Lionel Rieux, the poet, lies at Essey; Paul Vial, who received a bullet in his heart, in the Saint Mansuy Woods. Among the French buried at Gerbeviller is Jean Martin, one of the most promising pupils of the French art school at Rome; he fell with the heroic handful of chausseurs that held the Mortagne there against 45,000 Germans during the eleven hours. Marcell Drouet is among those who lie at the summit of the Samogneux hill.

The dead lie thickest perhaps at the Loisy Gap. After the Germans had captured Nomeny and Pont-a-Mousson, they sent a regiment to force this passage between two heights, held by a single company of French infantry. That gap became the tomb of the entire regiment. The cemetery of St. Genevieve is not so dense but far more extended than that of the Loisy Gap. The Germans, forced by the resistance of the company of infantry at Loisy to try a flank movement around the heights of Sainte Genevieve, obtained a success before the heights of Cuittes, where French crosses predominate. It was then, thinking he saw the route opening up for his troops, the Emperor of Germany issued his famous order of the day: "Tomorrow in Nancy." Sainte Genevieve was still between His Majesty's troops and the Lorraine capital; it is today the cemetery of most of them. The French, too, fell in such numbers there as to disquiet the officers, who called the attention of Commandant M.... to the losses.

"No matter," replied the commandant, "we won't give an inch." It required an order from the general to induce him to take up a stronger position a little in the rear.

During the attacks upon the plateau of Amance, captured on the 7th and retaken by General Dubail on the 8th, Emperor William is said to have observed the action from the edge of the Morel Woods, behind which were concealed the 10,000 horsemen of the Prussian Guard—his escort into Nancy. Velaine fell and Uhlans and Bavarian infantry surged into the passage between the two heights of Amance. "If we can hold out the day it will be a miracle," said the French general in command. The three-inchers increased their fire to the maximum speed just then and mowed those Uhlans and Bavarians down before they could debouch from the defile; they lie there today in serried ranks over which a weedy sod has formed. The 10,000 cavalry of the guard galloped off toward Metz, and a parliamentarian with a white flag asked "In the name of His Majesty" for an armistice of 24 hours to bury the dead.

"In 24 hours," replied the French general, "when the Emperor shall have given sepulcre to his thousands of dead, we shall be ready for him again."

An estimated proportion of three Germans to one Frenchman buried in the battlefields of the Grand Couronne de Nancy, extending in a semi-circle from Gerbevillers to Pont-a-Mousson on the east bank of the Moselle, naturally take no account of the thousands of Bavarian dead removed at night by rail toward Metz, after the battle of Sainte Genevieve, which decided the issue of the struggle for Nancy; nor does it comprise the heavy death roll of the French in annexed Lorraine, just over the frontier, in the disaster of Morhange.

The evidence of those who have visited all the battlefields of Lorraine and those who helped pick up the dead after the battle of Nancy, tends to the belief that taking the French dead in German Lorraine and the German dead carried from the field of battle, there is no exaggeration in the estimate of three Germans to one Frenchman as the proportion of those killed in the operations in the attack and defense of Nancy.

Pious hands are caring for these cemeteries, even so close to the battle front that the German heavy artillery often rakes up the sod and sends the crosses flying in splinters. Flowers are planted on all the French graves and the tri-color floats over many of them. The graves of the Germans are secretly protected but not decorated.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Jacob P. Indnes, of Norge, Va., chief water tender on the U. S. S. Delaware is dead at the Norfolk naval hospital from burns received in an explosion of gas in th ecoal bunkers of the ship, the Nevy Department announced today. Windnes, who died yesterday had been in the service since 1896.

Westfield, Mass., Dec. 18.—The flag of Lyon Post, G. A. R., flew at half mast from the Liberty pole in the public square today in memory of a Confederate veteran, Ira Miller, who rode with Forest's cavalry. Mr. Miller, who was a manufacturer of this town, died suddenly in Little Rock, Ark., Thursday.

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Emmerich Kalman of Budapest, Hungary, composer of the music of "Sari," the international operetta triumph, is the youngest composer now living to win fame for himself on two continents. He is only 25 years old now and yet he has two big musical successes to his credit: "Sari," (known abroad as "Der Zigeunerprimas") which Henry W. Savage will offer at the Academy of Music at an early date, and "Herbstmanover," which Mr. Savage produced in this country some years ago under the title "The Gay Hussar." He has also written the music for "Der Kleine Koenig" and recently finished "Haeschenfoetchen" (Miss Rabbit Foot). At the early age of 19 he won the first prize for orchestral harmony at the Royal College of Music at Budapest. Six years later he is a leader among the Viennese school of composers.

Nat C. Goodwin in "Never Say Die"

The following criticism of Nat C. Goodwin in "Never Say Die," who comes to the Academy of Music on next Wednesday evening, was clipped from the Asheville Citizen of December 15th.

"Asheville theatregoers experienced a rare treat at the auditorium last night when Nat C. Goodwin, still counted among the foremost actors of the country, and his charming wife, Margaret Moreland, presented W. H. Post's three-act comedy, "Never Say Die." The combination of a first-class actor and a first-class comedy naturally produced two hours of delightful entertainment.

"Although Nat Goodwin has been capturing American audiences for more than a generation, he gives no sign of the 'sear and yellow' age in his work. He is the same clever artist that he was in the distant past. Perhaps it was incorrect to say that Mr. Goodwin is an actor, for he doesn't act. He is Nat Goodwin on the stage, the very embodiment of the character he portrays. So true to life are his efforts that one forgets that he is looking at a stage production. Mr. Goodwin has experienced many vissitudes in his long career, but nothing ever happened that detracted from the stamp of true genius.

"He was ably supported by Margaret Moreland and a flawless company last night, and during his long engagement at Boston he will doubtless be accorded that genuine recognition which artistic merit deserves."

The prices will range from 50 cents to $1.50. Tickets will go on sale tomorrow morning at Plummer's.

"The Million Dollar Doll"

The following criticism of "The Million Dollar Doll," which will be the attraction at the Academy of Music on New Year's day, for a matinee and night performance, was taken from The Erie (Pa.) Morning News of December 6th:

"It has been a long, long time since anything as good in the way of a musical comedy has come along as Saturday evening when "The Million Dollar Doll" held forth in Columbia theatre. Certainly, not in the last year or two, in a musical comedy way, has there been anything that approached it.

"The play was a laugh from start to finish, with a lot of good clean comedy and the production was in the hands of a mighty capable cast. The music was tuneful, the costumes were beautiful—and no end of them, and the stage-settings were all that could be desired.

"In these days of successful motion picture competition, the Messrs. Orr have brought around a comed ythat will more than meet the competition, and find appreciative audiences wherever they go."

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Those who are readers of any of the big metropolitan newspapers, as well as the magazines, know that Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Castle are the most talked of couple in America, the greatest dancing couple in the whole world, and the star of some of Broadway's biggest stage successes.

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In "The Whirl of Life," Mr. and Mrs. Castle have torn the veil from their private life and have given motion picture patrons what newspapers and magazines have been begging for for years.

Although the outstanding memory of "The Whirl of Life" is in those wonderful dancing scenes, in ball rooms, on stage and in richly lighted royal cabarets, during which you see all of those famous dances which they have originated—this feature is as powerful a drama as has come before you during the year, abounding in surprises, villainy, pathos, humor and excitement. In short, this couple live their lives over on the screen. They meet again on the beach, elope and marry; they go to Paris, go broke, but later find fame and fortune in a single night. It gives you an intimate study of stage life, society life, brings you behind the scenes in the cabaret, carries you into the innermost sanctum of highest society.

"The Whirl of Life" is presented personally under the auspices of the personal representative of the Castles, for next Friday and Saturday at the Victoria theatre.

"Carmen" Tomorrow.

The world's greatest prima donna, who draws a salary of $2 per minute for every hour she is actually working, of course, could not be brought to Wilmington through any other medium than the movies. There is not enough people in Wilmington to make up an audience to pay her enough for a night's performance in person. Hence the announcement of the production of her "Carmen," which she has made famous around the world, into a mammoth motion picture production means much to Wilmington amusement lovers.

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"Carmen" will be presented at the Victoria tomorrow, beginning at 2 o'clock, with a show every hour and a half thereafter.

"The Melting Pot"—Victoria.

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The pomp and poverty, all th esplendor and brilliant trappings of the Russian Czar's court, one thousand people, five hundred horses, in hundreds of colossal scenes, make this an extraordinary offering.

The stage success was the sensation of three continents, and the film, acted by a superb company of well known film and stage artists, with beautiful and unusual photography, strong dramatic action and stirring situations, should make one of the most appealing popular priced offerings of the week at the Victoria.

George Nash at the Royal.

Tomorrow at the Royal, that eminent stage dramatic star, George Nash, who since his introduction into motion pictures some six months ago has made a world-wide reputation for himself, presents that great stage success, "The Cotton King," in which he was starred for many months on Broadway.

"The Cotton King" is a stirring tale during which the spectator is whisked from the cotton fields of Dixie to the busy scenes on Wall Street and the cotton exchange. The scenes which are laid in the South were actually taken in the South, several points in Georgia having contributed to the making of the backgrounds for the picture. The entire production is realistically staged.

The scenes on Wall Street are especially stirring, one in particular showing a mob scene at a great break in the cotton market, being one of the most realistic scenes ever staged for a motion picture.

Tomorrow at the Grand.

Tomorrow's big bill at the Grand is headed by a great three-reel Edison drama, "Friend Wilson's Daughter," a quaint and absorbing drama of our Revolutionary days, starring Robert Brower, Harold Meltzer, Gertrude McCoy and Bigelow Cooper.

The building of a romance about a stern Old Quaker in the ever interesting Revolutionary days, makes this feature of unusual interest. This interest is doubled as the suspense is absorbingly sustained until the very end—that most desirable of all elements in a drama. The knot of Fate is so completely tied about the young American captain, condemned to die the death of a traitor, though innocent, that his end seems inevitable. Harold Metzer, a new face, and the hero, meets his black future like a hero; Robert Brower, as the old Quaker father is the capital figure he always is, while Bigelow Cooper's hypocritical and sanctimonious Quaker is an admirable piece of impersonation. Gertrude McCoy fits well as the Quaker girl who would not be a Quaker in love, however.

At the Bijou Tomorrow.

"He Was Only a Bathing Suit Salesman" is the title of the rip-roaringest and greatest comedy treat of the year at the Bijou tomorrow. It's in three reels, and stars that great pair, Rosemary Theby and Harry Myers, in the leading roles. The comedy is not confined to park benches, but in its three reels takes one from Washington to Baltimore, to Philadelphia and then back to New York. Some of the scenes are staged with the White House as a setting, others with the capitol in the background, while others show street scenes of the Monument City, where visitors are led around to the hallowed spot where the last Democratic convention was held.

We are to accompany a fickle traveling salesman in his peregrinations around the circle and we meet all the young ladies whom a progressive traveling salesman is won't to meet. We see him conducting a school of diving girls, are permitted to enter the pool and demonstrating parlor, where exceedingly buxom blondes and sylphlike nymphs try on bathing suits. And then we meet the wife, who has troubles of her own, while hubby is skylarking around the country with pretty girls. If it wasn't for the fact that hubby is an A-1 liar he would never be able to get away with it, but he does. This is just one of tomorrow's big features.

SYDNEY TAPP'S IDEA ENDORSED.

Sex Interpretation of the Bible as a Means to Peace.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 18.—Resolutions were adopted at a mass meeting held in Kansas City, Mo., a night or two ago, endorsing Sidney C. Tapp's sex interpretation of the Bible as a means to peace. Mr. Tapp, a Kansas City lawyer, has earned international fame by means of his theory. He is a former North Carolinian and is a brother to L. P. Tapp, a member of the Kinston city council. In a speech to the meeting John J. Hyde, another prominent member of the Kansas City bar, told the friends of Mr. Tapp that the latter's idea, "as all ideas that have shaped and controlled the mind of men, had a humble beginning." It was only three years ago conceived. "Today it has crossed the waters and is arresting the attention and consideration of thinkers throughout the world."

Mr. Tapp contends that "the Bible is a book of sex and non-sex, and that sex is the dividing line between the material and spiritual worlds." There is no sex in the consciousness of the divine mind of the Godhead and in soul life, and everything in the material and mortal universe is sex and controlled by sex, he says, and his is an "idea that will reconstruct science, philosophy, theology and the thought and mind of men," according to Mr. Hyde. "It is the sex instincts within man that makes him fight and kill, and causes nations to go to war. This idea holds that peace and war within men and nations is a matter of metaphysics and mind." Committees were appointed to transmit the resolutions to Congress and the President.

JOS. W. NICHOLSON DEAD

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 18.—Joseph W. Nicholson died at his home here today after a long illness. Paralysis caused his death, the third stroke coming yesterday. He was 62 years old, a native of Enfield, Halifax county, and a son of late T. W. Nicholson. He had lived here ten years. He is survived by his widow, who is a sister of Chief Justice Clark, of Raleigh. There are no children. Funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon.

Sterchi-Bancroft Co., has just received a big shipment of reed and willow chairs. Make fine Xmas presents. (Advertisement.)

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Castle dancing in the gay Cafe de Paris, in "The Whirl Life," Victoria Next Friday and Saturday.

Nat C. Goodwin and Margaret Moreland, in "Never Say Die," Academy of Music Wednesday Evening.

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PRESIDENT AND BRIDE AFTER QUIET MARRIAGE GO TO HOT SPRINGS, VA.

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The brief and simple ceremony was over.

The entire party then turned to the dining room where a buffet supper was served. The decorations there were in pink and on the buffet were banked growing ferns and pink roses. The tables were decorated with Lady Stanley rose blossoms. On a table in the center was the wedding sake—a fruit cake several layers high, ornamented with sprays of pink orchids in the center. Mrs. Wilson cut the cake without formality and no arrangement was made for bestowing bits of it upon others than those in the wedding party.

Bride Wears Traveling Dress.

During the ceremony and at the luncheon afterward, during which a string orchestra played, the bride wore her traveling dress, a black silk velvet gown, with a picture hat of black beaver with no trimmings whatever except one feather slightly upturned on the left side. At her throat she wore the President's wedding gift, a magnificent diamond brooch.

The skirt of her gown was of walking length and cut on full lines. The waist had silken embroidery of blue, shading from the deep tones of royal blue to delicate shades of pastel and was threated with silver.

The lower part of the waist was embroidered on black net over a band of silver in the design of lilies, below which was a girdle of black velvet. The sleeves of the gown were of black net fashioned in tiny tucks with long fell-shaped cuffs of embroidered velvet which came well down over the hand. Her collar which was up and up-standing was of black lace. When she left on her honeymoon journey Mrs. Wilson wore over her gown a fur coat of broad tail with bands of Yukon and muff to match. She wore a chin chin collar.

Miss Margaret Wilson, the President's oldest daughter, wore a sapphire blue velvet gown with sapphire and velvet trimmings. Mrs. William G. McAdoo, his youngest daughter, wore blue silk brocade with fur and silver trimmings. Mrs. Francis B. Sayre, his third daughter, wore rose charmeuse with cream lace. Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, the President's cousin, wore yellow silk and gold.

Mrs. Bolling, the bride's mother, wore a costume of richly jetted net over an under-skirt of black satin appliqued in King's blue. A short train was caught at the left side of the girdle with a cluster of pink crushed roses. She wore old cameos set in pearls which she had worn as a bride.

All the men in the party, outside of the relatives included Secretary Tumulty and Dr. Grayson, the President's physician, wore conventional evening dress.

Hundreds of Presents.

Upstairs one room was set aside for the wedding gifts, which despite intimations from the White House that nothing be sent by any others than relatives and close friends, ran into the hundreds. In deference to the President's wishes the houses of Congress sent no gifts officially but many members sent personal remembrances.

The Virginia delegation representing the native state of the couple, sent a loving cup. Wytheville, the bride's home town, sent a miniature of Mr. and Mrs. Bolling, her parents. The Pocahontas Memorial Association in recognition of Mrs. Wilson's descent from the Indian Princess, sent a bronze statuette of Pocahontas. The Menominee Indians, of Wisconsin, sent a handsome bead belt. The former Queen of Hawaii sent a scarf. Every member of the cabinet sent a gift.

When the numerous gifts are sorted it is understood all those having intrinsic value which came from persons unknown to the President or Mrs. Wilson will, much to their regret, be returned.

The President and Mrs. Wilson are expected to return to the Capital on or before January 4, when Congress re-convenes. The Pan-American reception at the White House on the night of January 7 is expected to be the most brilliant social function of the season.

Those Who Attended.

The guests at the wedding included: Mrs. William H. Bolling, of this city, the bride's mother; Mrs. Matthew A. Maury, Anniston, Ala.; Mrs. Alexander H. Galt, of this city, and Miss Bertha Bollin, sisters of the bride; her five brothers, John Randolph Bolling, Richard W. Bolling and Julian B. Bolling, of this city; Dr. William E. Bolling, Louisville, Ky., and Rolfe E. Bolling, of Panama; her brother-in-law, Alexander H. Galt, of this city; three sisters-in-law, Mrs. Julian B. Bolling, Mrs. Rolfe E. Bolling and Mrs. Richard W. Bolling; Secretary and Mrs. William G. McAdoo, Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Sayre, of Williamstown, Mass.; Miss Margaret Wilson, Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, the President's cousin; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Wilson, of Baltimore, the former the brother of the President; Miss Alice Wilson, the President's niece; Mrs. Anne Howe, of Philadelphia, the President's sister; Mrs. Anne Cothran, the President's niece; Josephine Cothran, the President's grandniece; Secretary Tumulty, Dr. Grayson and Miss Gertrude Gordon, Mrs. Galt's close friend.

Third Married as President.

Woodrow Wilson is the third President to be married during his term of office. President Tyler was the first and President Cleveland was the other. Mr. Tyler, like Mr. Wilson, was left a widower during his term. Two years later, in 1844 in New York City he was married to Miss Julia Gardiner, who then presided at the White House functions during the last year of her husband's term of office.

Grover Cleveland's marriage to Miss Frances Folsom took place in the Blue Room of the executive mansion. It was comparatively a private affair for the invited guests included only cabinet members, their wives and a few friends and relatives of the couple.

President Wilson's wedding is the third in his family since he took office. The first White House wedding of his term was that of his second daughter, Jessie Woodrow Wilson to Francis Bowes Sayre and the other was that of his youngest daughter, Eleanor, to Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo. The President now has two grandchildren, the little son of the Sayres and the baby daughter of the McAdoos.

The President and his bride both are Virginians by birth. He was born at Staunton 59 years ago this month and she was born at Wytheville, the daughter of Judge and Mrs. William H. Bolling and was one child in a large family. Two sisters, Mrs. Alexander H. Galt and Miss Bertha Bolling, and three brothers, John Randolph, Richard Wilmer and Julian B. Bolling, live in Washington. Rolfe E. Bolling, another brother, is manager of the Commercial Bank at Panama and another, Dr. William E. Bolling, lives in Louisville, Kr. A third sister, Mrs. M. T. Maury, lives in Anniston, Alabama. The bride's family has been prominent in the history of Virginia and she herself is a descendant of Pocahontas, the Indian chief's daughter who married John Rolfe.

What the Bride Is Like.

Since 1896 Mrs. Galt has lived in Washington, belonging to none of the district social sets, but active in charity and philanthropy in her own ways. From her first husband she inherited control of a prosperous mercantile business of which she has been accredited with now being the active head and many tributes are paid to her ability. But activity in business, her friends say, never has diminished her interest in a woman's world. She loves flowers, books and out door recreations. After the President's courtship began she took up golf and on many Saturday afternoons they were seen together on the links at some one of the country clubs about the capital, or at other times taking long motor drives over the Virginia hills or along the shore roads in lower Maryland. Often they took picnic luncheon from the White House on their journeys and ate it by the roadside.

In the White House circle the bride quickly found her place. She plays the piano, sings and loves poetry and when in the intimacy of the family, the President often has read aloud his favorite poems, as is his custom, she is said to have been one of his most interested hearers.

Miss Margaret Wilson, the President's eldest daughter, and Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, his cousin, are said to have drawn her into the White House circle in the early autumn of 1914. From that time, she was a frequent guest at the executive mansion and last summer spent a month as the guest of Margaret Wilson at the summer White House at Cornish, N. H. The engagement was announced on October 6, not long after the presidential party returned to Washington for the winter.

Both the President and his bride agreed not to have their wedding in the White House but in her home near Dupont circle which sometimes is called the social hub of the capital. She lives there in a tastefully arranged house, somewhat small by comparison with the mansions which surround it. It is not large enough for entertaining on an extended scale and for that reason a large company was not invited to the wedding. Mr. McAdoo, the President's son-in-law, was the only member of the cabinet included in the party. The rest were all relatives.

The repeatedly expressed wish of the couple for a quiet wedding unattended by any great amount of publicity is responsible for the general lack of common knowledge of so many of the details which attend such a ceremony. No public announcements have been made of the gifts received and likewise there has been no announcement of the gowns and decorations. New York dressmakers have been frequently during the last few weeks at the White House and at the bride's home and she has made on or two shopping trips out of the city to complete her trousseau.

TROUSSEAU COST THOUSANDS

Mrs. Wilson's Magnificent Outfit is Mostly American Made.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Wilson's trousseau is said by close friends to be magnificent in its extent and to have cost several thousand dollars. Most of it is American made. The bride's friends say it is one of the largest and most carefully selected wardrobes ever gathered by a mistress of the White House.

There are plain gowns and elaborate gowns, and other items in ample number for each and every occasion. Mrs. Wilson always has been fond of white and black but in the selection of her trousseau she gave consideration to richness of material rather than to color. Friends who have seen dinner and reception gowns, tailored suits, demi-toilettes, fascinating tea gowns and negligee creations with slippers in harmony, in the trousseau, say velvet is largely featured as a material.

One of the handsomest gowns is in black velvet with plain flowing skirt and a high embellished bodice. Another velvet gown, French in its material and treatment, is of sapphire hue. Like the other it has a train as have all the evening gowns.

Mrs. Wilson will be hostess at four state receptions and at as many dinners of the same character during the winter. One gown in her trousseau worthy of such occasions, in the opinion of her friends, is a white satin, trimmed with white fox fur and made with a train. A second white satin gown, not so rich in material, is made with a tunic overdress, opening in front, with edges bound in narrow pippings.

Another gown is of blue satin, in one of the new made-in-France shades, as they are called, the colors of which, it is said, are impossible of imitation elsewhere. The skirt is hung in golden tissue, veiled in black tulle.

Among a number of tailored suits is a green gown. It is of dark cloth with a short skirt and a flaring half length coat. The collar and cuffs are of mole skin. Small velvet hats are intended for wear with it. Of the other tailored suits some of the most interesting are a dark blue cloth bound in black silk braid, with a military air about the jacket and a gray suede-like cloth, also braided in military fashion.

There also is a three-pieced amethyst velvet costume, with a small velvet hat adorned with ostrich tips. The skirt swings clear of the ground by three or four inches. There is a bouffant effect to the skirt, and the bodice is largely lace and net with glints of gold and amethyst, giving changing lights. There is a vestee of net and old lace. The coat is more than half length, all of velvet with a lining of self-colored satin embossed in gold.

In the same class also is a delicate mauve satin, with a trimming of blue and silver. A white broad-cloth tailored suit, and blouses for tailored suits, present every known variety, from fancy Georgette crepes to plain tub-silks. Some match the skirt in color as for example, a green crepe, with white collar and cuffs. Most of the blouses are white or just off the pink lfesh tints.

SIGNS BELGIAN APPEAL.

President's Last Official Act Before Leaving on Honeymoon.

Washington, Dec. 18.—President Wilson's last official act today before leaving on his honeymoon was the signing of an appeal for funds for Belgian relief organization work. The text of the appeal will be give nout tomorrow.

He signed an executive order permitting the appointment of Mrs. Virginia Campbell, a grand niece of Thomas Jefferson, to a Federal position without civil service examination.

He also celebrated his wedding day by extending executive clemency to several convicts. He gave a full pardon to Charles Conture, convicted at Missoula, Mont., for selling liquor to Indians. He commuted the sentences of D. L. Dillingham, convicted in Georgia for operating an illicit distillery, and William H. Hood, under conviction of robbery in Alabama.

He commuted to expire at once the three months' sentence of J. E. Turner, convicted in the Northern Georgia Federal court on a charge of distilling liquor illegally, and remitted the unpaid fine for which Zhuck-Que-Ah, an Indian convicted in Kansas of introducing liquor into the Pottawatomie Indian reservation, is now in confinement.

SHIPS WILL TODAY PASS THROUGH THE PANAMA CANAL

Channel Again Cleared for Vessels Drawing Less than Twenty eFet.

Panama, Dec. 18.—The Panama Canal, which has been closed since September 18 last, by the worst slide in its history, will be opened again for the passage of vessel drawing less than 20 feet, tomorrow, when ten ships, three from the Atlantic and seven from the Pacific end make the passage.

Exceptional progress, aided by good weather conditions, made during the last 36 hours enabled the canal engineers and dredge men to upset the prediction that the canal would not again be opened to traffic before next spring. Providing that no further earth slides occur, the canal will be ready for the transit of vessels of all drafts shortly after the first of the year.

SAYS COUNTRY IS PREPARED

And That "Poison of Preparedness" Has Caused a "Sort of Madness."

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 18.—The "poison of preparedness" has brought a "sort of madness upon many minds" said Congressman Warren Worth Bailey, Democrat, of Pennsylvania today, in addressing the Clark University Conference on "The Problems and Lessons of the War." He said that he was profoundly convinced that the country was "very adequately prepared, overprepared if anything," and expressed alarm at the "spirit of the inflammatory propaganda" which he characterized as the spirit of aggression and conquest.

TO BUY HAMBURG STEAMERS

Swedish-American Line Negotiating For Purchase of Two at New York.

London, Dec. 18.—According to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Copenhagen, the Swedish-American Line has negotiated for the purchase of two 12,000 ton steamers of the Hamburg-American Line now at New York. The parties are awaiting a guarantee from Great Britain that she will regard the vessels as Swedish in order to close the transaction, the dispatch adds.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Total exports for the month of October, announced today by Secretary Redfield, were $328,030,281, a new record. Total exports for the ten months ending October 31, were $2,860,515,448, also a new record.

WAR SITUATION APPARENTLY QUIET

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to surrender and made preparations to offer stubborn resistance. Previous reports indicated that only a small number of troops were stationed within the city, but it was stated that reinforcements were expected to arrive from the North.

The occupation of the Chihuahua state capital which for some months had been General Villa's base of operations, would bring to an end one of the most spectacular campaigns of the present revolution. With an army reported to have numbered less than 25,000 men Trevino left Escalon a week ago to rid the southern portion of the state of Villa troops. During the week at least two sanguinary battles were fought.

While military reports do not state General Trevino's position, he is believed to be near enough to attack within a few hours in the event his demands are not immediately complied with.

Havana, Dec. 18.—The French consul at Santiago has requested the Cuban authorities to give protection to the French auxiliary cruiser Quebec lying in that port. The consul made his request on the ground that the ship was in danger of being blown up by conspirators. The Cuban government has furnished a guard of patrol boats around the cruiser.

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"HOW THE PROPHECY OF THE ANGEL'S CHRISTMAS SONG MAY COME TRUE."

Luke 2:8-20.

"Then shall all men's good
Be each man's rule, and universal peace
Be like a shaft of light across the land,
And like a line of beams athwart the seas,
Through all the circle of the golden year." —TENNYSON.

And thus was kept the first Christmas, the Christmas in the year one, with carols by the choir of heaven, and God's own son, the Savior of the world, coming as a Christmas gift to all mankind.

"When the Star in the East came and stood over where the young child was, and looked in on the Bethlehem stable, it was the beginning of a reconciliation which should bring rest to the world."—Bishop Huntington.

God made no mistake in His Christmas gift, and gave us the greatest possible blessing when He gave us Christ.

"It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child Himself."—Dickens.

As the Magi came bearing gifts so do we also—gifts that relieve want—gifts that are sweet and fragrant with friendship; gifts that breathe love; gifts that mean service; gifts inspired still by the star that shone over the City of David nearly 2,000 years ago.

Little wonder that Christmas is the king of holidays. So long as it comes there is hope for the discouraged, peace for the weary, medicine for the wounded hearts, joy for those whose house of dreams has gone down in ruin.

Christ came not into the world to condemn it, but that the world through Him might be free. The Christmas spirit should radiate freedom, joy, peace, unselfishness. It should become a light in the eyes of others. The Christmas spirit should be the spirit of Christ.

The angels had a message and they gave it, thus bringing a blessing to all generations to come. To every one of us God gives something he wants us to say to others. We cannot all write poems, compose books, or sing beautiful songs which will bless men. But each friend of Christ, living close to Him, learns something from Him and of Him which no one else has learned before, which he is to tell to the world. A message spoken, though it be a single word, will bless the earth.

The ideal of life for a believer in Christ, is one of peace. It is a blessing which all may obtain. More than 250 times does the word appear in the Bible. One of our Lord's sweetest farewell words was, "Peace I leave with you"; and when He came from the grave, three times did the benediction fall from His lips: "Peace be unto you." And in Him alone can peace be found—peace among men, peace between God and man, and peace in the human heart.

If each but lived the Golden Rule, universal peace would be more nearly established today. World-wide Christian Endeavor, insisting that the teachings of the Prince of Peace are practical, and that good will must first be found in the heart, can do much to make true the angel's prophecy on that first Christmas.

War correspondents tell us that at the Christmas season last year, the opposing forces were facing each other in the trenches. The soldiers on each side heard those on the other singing Christmas hymns to the same tunes; and as they heard the singing, a German soldier put his head up above the trench and called to the British: "Come out, let us sing them together. We believe in the same God and religion. It is Christmas eve. Come on." The peaceful challenge was accepted, and the British soldiers came out from their rtenches and joined the German singers, and together, on that Christmas eve, they lifted their voices in common song, though in different languages. And the next day they talked together, and played football, and enjoyed a real holy truce of peace on our Lord's birthday.

The propaganda, commonly known as Foreign Missions, is the plan whereby men may bring this Christmas song into reality. The world because of ignorance does not know God. Information and instruction must be spread all over the world. "The knowledge of God must cover the earth, as the waters cover the sea." When men know their duty and become willing to do their duty, good will prevails among them. Everything that hinders or kills good will is a part of the influence and evidence of sin. If sin did not exist in the world happiness would prevail everywhere. The only place that sin exists is in the human heart, and from this center it does its deadly work. The Gospel is God's plan for changing the human heart, putting sin out of it and preparing it for happiness.

I wonder how many Christian Endeavorers use Xmas instead of Christmas. Did you ever stop to think that this was a mass in celebration of Christ's birthday, and that by using "X" in the word you are crossing Christ out. X in Algebra stands for an unknown quantity. Christ is not an unknown quantity, and should be the first in our hearts and thoughts this glad Christmas season.

"Are we so better, then, than they
Who failed the new-born Christ to see?
To them a helpless babe—to us,
He shines a Saviour glorious,
Our Lord, our Friend, our All—yet we
Are half asleep this Christmas Day."
—SUSAN COOLIDGE.

Slang shoots straight while wit goes in an indirect way.

Dear Madame: As the approach of the "Yuletide" is upon us, we know you don't want to waste your time in baking your cakes. Let us take the worry from you. Our cakes are made from the best material and baked to your liking. Prices: Dark fruit cake, 25 cents pound; light fruit cake, 25 cents per pound; Pullman pound, 2 1-2 pound, 50 cents; Sally White cake, 25 cents per pound. Yours truly, Farris Bakery, Phone 626. (Advertisement).

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(Advertisement.)

SUNDAY MORNING THOUGHTS

By T. W. Chambliss.

It was years and years ago—the people were gathered together. They were encamped "in a vast sanctuary not made with hands—a sanctuary such as would carry their minds backward to the days of old creations" and God spake to them. The introductory sentence "And God spake all these words" preceded the message known through the ages as the Ten Commandments. Just where the mountain was located does not matter—those who please may dicsuss the geographical location. But in that mountain assemblage God spoke.

The people were at the point of change. That change towards which all their past history had led them. They are, and by choice, the people of God. They are reminded of what God has done for them. They make a public profession and confession of obedience and they take the oath of allegiance. They were made to purify themselves, outwardly as well as inwardly. They were not to touch even the borders of the mountain. Death was the penalty. Everything that was possible was done to make a permanent impression on the assembled populace. History was brought to bear on them. Their hearts were touched. Then God spoke.

It was Jehovah—hidden in the thick clouds of the mountain top—who spoke to the people. The voice of God under the most awful, reverential and impressive circumstances. God revealed His power, His glory, His presence, by thunders and lightnings and the voice of a "trumpet" exceedingly loud. But while this thunderstorm revealed the mighty power of God, there was more than this ordinary power for it was also God's special intervention to prove that what He said was not merely natural but was supernatural, the direct, eternal law of God. The message was ushered in "with mighty overture" and "God spake these words, and said."

The ten commandments are a covenant and a covenant of love. On the one hand God agrees to be their God and will give fatherly protection and care, granting them love and forgiveness. On the other hand, the people agree to keep the commandments, to love Him, to serve Him and Him alone. If they disobey the law, they forfeit the blessings. On the one hand it was "This do, and thou shalt live," and on the other hand it was "Do it not, and thou shalt perish." On the one hand the book of duty and on the other the word penalty. The words of God's covenant with His people are not merely the arbitrary commands given by a monarch to a subject.

In the loving covenant two parties are bound in mutual affection and fidelity. There is the statement of promise and the responsibility of obedience. Among the Orientals a covenant is always held as a solemn compact between the parties. The ten commandments were and are really a "covenant of love" given because God loves, as an expression of love and obedience to them is the channel and expression of man's love toward God, and man's love toward his fellow.

God spake the words. God gave them to men, inscribed on tables of stone. God has written them in the hearts of men. They are a lesson to all mankind. Heaven lives according to the commandments. They are eternal, inexorable, irresistible. It is necessary that they should be definitely expressed and continually impressed. Years ago a United States Senator announced that "purification of politics was an irridescent dream and that the decalogue and the golden rule had no place in public life." Nowadays the name of that once public man is faded into almost forgotten oblivion. On the other hand, one of the former Presidents said, in a public address: "Washington's whole life is meaningless, if it does not show that the decalogue and the golden rule should form the standard for public men, above all others." The speaker became world famous.

From the table of the ten commandments comes the life of right. They are the germs of seed from which the tree of the virtues grows and after blossoming bears delightful fruit. Those commandments unfold the details of their teaching throughout the ages, according to their circumstances and needs. There is not a sin but it is aimed at and denounced in one or the other of the ten commandments of the stone tables. God looked at the world of sin and classified it into ten divisions. Then he denounced all.

These commandments are still law—the law of God. The covenant is still in force. The greatness of a nation may depend more largely on its keeping close to the covenant that was made and is still in effect. The growing sentiment against the strict enforcement of the law of Sinai is serious—there must be close contact with the code.

Nations as well as individuals must return to the tables of stone—Love toward God and love for the other man. On these principles stand the entire ten.

Prayer is communion with your own consciousness.

To jump at conclusions, may be to vault over the rights of others.

NEIGHBORLY ADVICE

Freely Given by a Wilmington Citizen.

When one has suffered tortures from a bad back and found relief from the aches and pains, that person's advice is of untild value to friends and neighbors. The following neighborly advice comes from a Wilmington resident.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Sixth Street Advent Christian church—Preaching in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 7:30, by the assistant pastor, Elder J. W. S. Harvey. Sunday school in the afternoon at 3. Prayer meeting Tuesday evening at 7:30. Elder J. P. King, the regular pastor, is expected to return December 23 from Florida and Georgia, where he has been conducting meetings, and will preach in this church next Sunday, December 26. Monthly conference will convene December 31 and at night a "watch night" service will be held.

St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran church, Fourth and Harnett streets, Rev. G. W. McClanahan, pastor—Preaching in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 7:30. Sermon subjects: Morning, "The Coming Christ"; evening, "A Prophecy Fulfilled." Sunday school in the afternoon at 3:30. Wednesday evening service at 8. All are most cordially invited to attend these services.

St. James' Church, Rev. W. H. Milton, D. D., rector—Holy Communion at 7:30 in the morning. Morning prayer and sermon at 11. Recital at 7:30 in the evening. Evening prayer and sermon on "Inspiration in the Common Life," at 7:45. Everybody welcome to come and bring a friend.

First Baptist church, corner Fifth and Market streets, Rev. W. M. Craig, acting pastor—Sunday school in the morning at 9:45, Mr. D. H. Howes, superintendent. Preaching in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 7:30. Sermon subjects: Morning, "Whiter Than Snow." evening, "The King of My Life." B. Y. P. U. meets at 6:30 in the evening, Mr. L. F. Gore, superintendent. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8. All are cordially invited to every service.

Calvary Baptist church, Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor—Preaching in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 7:30. Boys' Club and Junior B. Y. P. U. in the morning at 10. Deacons' meeting in the afternoon at 3. Sunday school at 3:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday night. Senior B. Y. P. U. Thursday night. A welcome to all services.

Christian church, Dock street, Rev. J. E. Reynolds, pastor—Preaching in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 7:30. Sunday school in the morning at 10. Christian Endeavor in the evening at 6:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8. All cordially invited to attend the services.

St. Paul's Episcopal church, 16th and Market streets, Rev. E. deF. Heald, Jr., rector—Sunday school in the morning at 9:45. Holy Communion and sermon at 11. Evening prayer and sermon at 8. A cordial welcome to all. All seats free.

Castle Heights Methodist church, 15th and Castle streets, Rev. T. C. Eilers, pastor—Sunday school in the afternoon at 3:30, Mr. M. J. Cowell, superintendent. Preaching by the pastor at 7:30 in the evening. The public cordially invited.

St. John's Episcopal church, Third and Red Cross streets, Rev. W. E. Cox, rector—Holy Communion in the morning at 7:30. Service and sermon at 11. Sunday school in the afternoon at 4. Evening prayer and sermon at 7:45. Seats free; all are cordially invited.

St. John's Mission, 1313 North Fourth street—Sunday school in the morning at 9:30. Service with address Wednesday evening at 7:30. All are cordially invited.

Christian Science Society, church edifice 17th and Market streets—Services in the morning at 11, subject, "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" Sunday school at 12:15. Testimonial meeting Wednesday evening at 8:15. Free reading room in the Murchison National Bank building, open daily, except Sundays and holidays, from 4 to 6:30 in the afternoon. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and visit the reading room.

St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Fifth avenue and Ann street—First mass in the morning at 7. Last mass and sermon at 10:30. Vespers in the evening at 8.

St. Paul's Lutheran church, Market and Sixth streets, Rev. F. B. Clausen, pastor—Preaching in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 8. Sermon topics: Morning, "Joy to the World, the Lord is Come"; evening, "A Christmas Secret." Sunday school in the afternoon at 2:30. Visitors are always welcome at all services. Special services on Christmas day at 11 in the morning and at 5 in the afternoon.

Southside Baptist church, corner of Fifth and Wooster streets, Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor—Preaching in the morning at 11. Subject: "The Use of Christian Liberty." Preaching in the evening at 7:30. Sunday school in the afternoon at 3. Mr. J. M. Batson, superintendent. Mid-week service Wednesday evening at 7:30. B. Y. P. U. meets Friday evening at 8, Mr. G. W. Holden, president. Public cordially invited to all services.

Bladen Street M. E. church, Rev. Geo. B. Webster will preach at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. today. The public cordially invited.

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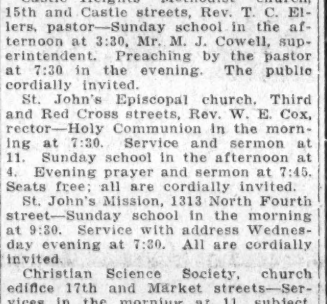

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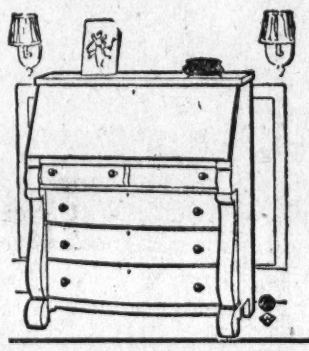
We are making some special attractive prices on Hat Racks and Hall Trees. This is a nice piece of furniture to tone up the home with for Xmas, and we have some beautiful Chiffo-robes in Circassian Walnut, Oak and Mahogany. We have also received another small shipment of Rugs, and we especially wish to call your attention to an Old Ivory Bedroom Suit, in Cane, three pieces, for $100.00. We honestly believe it to be the Prettiest Bedroom Suit in Wilmington.



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For 40 Years in Front Seat of Probable War Theatre.

Old French Capital of Duchy of Lorraine, Although Unfortified, Has Only Once Been Bombarded by German Artillery.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)

Nancy, France, Dec. 10.—Nancy, the old capital of the Duchy of Lorraine, had for more than two score of years the hazardous privilege of occupying a front seat in the theatre of a probable war. "Targets for cannon" the conscripts sent to Nancy were called. It was here the "iron division" of the famous 20th army corps was stationed with the 26th brigade of cavalry, not to undertake the supposedly impossible task of saving Nancy but to receive and deaden the first shock.

The story has been told of the French officer who, anticipating war in June of last year, sold his little country property near Nancy, bought a villa in Belgium and congratulated himself that his family would be far outside the vortex.

While the stout fortress of Namur was crumbling under the blows of the heavy guns, unfortified Nancy, defended by Castelnau, proved impregnable. The French officer's family fled to France and Belgian refugees at the same time that Emperor William, who, with 10,000 cavalry of the guard had awaited the moment for this triumphal entry into Nancy, turned back toward Metz. As to the purchaser of the officer's country place, he has not seen a German soldier and since August 24, 1914, the sound of the cannon has been growing fainter and less frequent in his ears. It is only when the wind is right that Nancy hears it.

Only once did the German artillery get close enough under cover of night to bombard the city; then it did less damage than the dozen visits of German aeroplanes and Zeppelins. Nearly every one of those visits was tragic because every one wanted to see the aircraft. The two children and wife of a barber in the rue Saint-Jean stepped to the door to get a look at a Taube one morning; all three were killed together with four other persons, while the barber escaped without a scratch. Four people were killed by a bomb that fell under the windows of the prefecture.

The second attempt of the Germans to bombard Nancy with their heavy guns is still the talk of Nancy. One of the 15-inch long-range naval pieces, put in position near Chateau Salins (Salzburg) to send into Nancy the same destruction that they had hurled into Dunkirk, was discovered by air scouts. The French advanced their heavy artillery to easy range and destroyed the big gun and its foundation before it had fired a single shot, according to the report.

Nancy appears today to be anything but a military headquarters. Only a few soldiers on leave, a few convalescent wounded and officers on various missions give it the semblance of a garrison town. The soldiers' quarters in the barracks are occupied by a thousand or so of families and debris of families from different parts of Lorraine, awaiting the movement to return home. Among them are 84 children called "the orphans of Pont-a-Mousson," because their parents have remained in the little town shelled recently for the 178th time. The women of this colony of exiles, taking their part in the work of national defense by turning out 600,000 trench sacks, work at which they can earn 40 cents a day besides their board and lodging. It is rather coarse work for some of them, expert in the finest embroidery.

Nancy's industrial, commercial and educational life has gone on uninterrupted and modified only by difficulties of fuel and transportation.

The medical college law school and other branches of the university have not missed a day of their regular terms and the public schools were never closed.

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Men's Grey "Comfy" and Bath Slippers $1.50
Men's Leather Romeos, and Everett's, Black and Tan ..... $1.50, $1.75 and $2.00

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Bronze, Cloth Top, Lace, $4 and $5
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WITH THE CLUB WOMEN

Federation News of North Carolina.

By Miss Mary Moses.

The following letter has been sent to the president of the clubs in the State Federation, by Mrs. H. A. White, chairman of household economics, and will be of interest to all club members:

"If every club woman in this State would realize the importance of intelligent home-making and would be willing to study with an open mind the problems of the home—North Carolina would have even better homes than she has, and furthermore every such home would have a helpful influence in the community. Accordingly we would urge the organization of a Home Economics Department in every federated club in this State.

Kindly let me know whether or not your club has such a department. If you have I shall be glad to receive a copy of your year book and if not I shall be most happy if any of our committee may help you in starting such a department.

The work of our committee is divided as follows:

Mrs. Warren H. Booker, Raleigh. (Clothing and Shelter.) Mrs. Booker has been connected with Peace Institute and has been the head of the home economics department of the Raleigh club. She is now preparing a set of talks with illustrations which she will lend any club who desires to use them.

Miss Minnie L. Jamieson, Raleigh. (Food Sanitation.) —Miss Jamieson has long been the head of the domestic science department of the State Normal College at Greensboro but is now in home demonstration work as assistant to Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon. She is in a position to help any club who desires to have her give one or more talks.

Mrs. W. R. Hollowell, Goldsboro. (Rural Home Economics.) Mrs. Hollowell has long done demonstration work for farm women at Farmers Institute and is willing to give informal talks to any club near Goldsboro.

Mrs. F. R. Taylor, High Point. (Domestic Science in Schools.) Mrs. Taylor is a Drexel graduate and has taught domestic science at Guilford College, where she acted as matron of one of the girls' dormitories. Mrs. Taylor will be of help to any who will correspond with her.

The chairman will be glad to visit any club if possible (for expenses only) and would be happy to talk on "Home Management, the Budget System, Conscience in Clothes" or to give talks to girls in schools and colleges on the general subject of "Home-making."

Write us if you want material for programme, suggestions of helpful books or talks before your club or before the girls of any school or college in which you are interested. Let us commend to your attention The Bulletin published by the General Federation which is full of suggestive topics, programmes and book list. Ten cents sent the chairman will bring you one by return mail.

Through the courtesy of the publishers, the State chairman has a number of books on a variety of phases of home economics which she will be glad to lend any club or club woman who will guarantee to return the same in one month's time. Any of these books would be of help in planning programmes or in solving home problems:

"Farm Boys and Girls," McKeever; "Increasing Home Efficiency," Bruere; "The Efficient Kitchen," Ghild; "Good Lunches for Rural Schools," Richards; "Euthenics," Richards; "The Modern Household," Talbot and Breckenridge; "A Second Course in Home Making," Kittredge; "Food and Household Management," Kinne and Cooley; "Shelter and Clothing," Kinne and Cooley; "Economics of Modern Cookery," Hallock; "Table Decorations and Delicacies," Price; "The Winston Cook Book," Cramp; "Household Textiles," Gibbs; "The Woman Who Spends," Richardson; "Inside the House of Good Taste," Wright.

It would especially recommend "Home Management" and "The Efficient Kitchin."

Kindly note the following suggestions condensed from those offered by the General Federation:

1. Learn what the government is doing for the homemaker through its agricultural department bulletins, bureau of animal industry rural organization service, Smith-Lever bill, and many other lines of work.

2. Talk and practice the budget plan for home-makers.

3. Study not only your own home but "the homes of all the people" with a view to bettering shelter conditions at large.

4. Study child welfare, preparation for the child and its care.

5. Study the economics of fashion and aim for true simplicity of dress.

While the work of this department is essentially educational, let us not be satisfied by learning ourselves but let us do our best to have home economics introduced into all our schools and to teach working girls how to make their homes wholesome and attractive and to inspire in all our girls a realization of the needs of brains and devotion of home-making.

A reply to this letter will be much appreciated and next spring let us report to the Federation, fifty new clubs studying home economics.

Yours for better homes,
(Mrs. H. A.) ALICE PAIGE WHITE.
Chairman of Household Economics.
High Point, N. C.

Third District Reciprocity Meeting at Asheboro.

The Third District Reciprocity meeting of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs was held in Ashboro on December 4, in the graded school building, and was highly successful and much enjoyed by all. Asheboro invited the unfederated clubs to attend this meeting, as well as the federated clubs of the district.

Mrs. W. C. Hammer, president of the Woman's Department Clubs, of Asheboro, and subchairman of the State Reciprocity committee, presided ,and the following interesting programme was carried out:

Song—"America."

Invocation—Rev. Powell, pastor of Ashboro Baptist church.

Music—Vocal trio, "The Moonlight," "The Rose and You," "On Moonlight," Misses Pugh, Hammer and Auman.

Address of welcome from Woman's Department Clubs, Asheboro, Mrs. C. I. Whitaker.

Address of welcome from city, Mayor D. B. McCrary.

Response, Mrs. J. T. Lowe, president, Club of Twelve," Lexington.

The General Federation, Mrs. A. Fairbrother, Greensboro.

The State Federation.

Sallie Southall Cotton Loan Fund, Mrs. J. J. Farriss, president Woman's Club, High Point.

Music—Misses Bulla and Parrish, Ashboro.

Endowment Fund, Mrs. Theodore Andrews, Lexington, N. C.

Reports of clubs.

Household Economics, Mrs. Henry White, State Chairman Household Economics, High Point.

Luncheon to visitors and local club members at 1:00 p. m. in school building.

Afternoon Session, 2 P. M.

Presiding—Miss Julia A. Thorns, subchairman of the State Civics Department.

Piano solo.

The North Carolina Flag, Mrs. Glascock, Greensboro Womman's Club, Greensboro.

Civic reports.

Moonlight School Movement—Woman's part in educational revival, Miss Clara Cox, chairman civic department Women's Club, High Point.

Round Table, conducted by Mrs. Cochran, Chautauqua circle, Thomasville.

Echoes from unfederated clubs in Randolph county.

Work of Canning Clubs, Mrs. W. P. Whie, Ramseur.

A Civic Club for Every Community, Mrs. W. H. Peace, Civic League, Thomasville.

GUS OXLEY IS DEAD

Jones County Youth Dies as Result of Accidental Shooting.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 18.—Gus Oxley, aged 16, a Jones county youth, who was accidentaly shot about three weeks ago in the vicinity of Trenton, died in Parrott Memorial hospital here Friday. Infection from the wound, which was on one of Oxley's legs, caused his death. The body was sent to Trenton.

CHRISTMAS.

(Written for the Star.)

Christmas is a time to forget and to remember. We should forget the dead hopes, the bitter disappointments, the dry sorrow, the ills and pains of every sort. We should remember the present joys, past blessings, hopes for future ones, sweet dreams, holy aspirations, love that lightens every load, brightens every path, shines with kindly light over all the winding way, and God, the Author and Finisher of all.

Yule Tide has a joyousness peculiarly and distinctly its own. Just why men agreed to be merry at this season and to celebrate it with festivities of various kinds we may never know. Mithroic, Syrian, Roman, Druidic, Norse, and other mythologies have occupied themselves with its philosophy and have given it diverse meanings. But everywhere the key note is good cheer.

Christendom has invested the festival with a noble and inspiring thought. A wonderful mystery is placed in the center. A little child is born into an humble Jewish home. He is bedded in a manger. Yet that child of poverty became the light which showed to millions the way out of darkness and despair to a higher, happier life; the hope of a world weary of war and strife and cruel superstitions, longing for peace and encouragement, making life worth while. A new era dawned upon the world with his birthday. He brought a new revelation of divinity and gave a new interpretation of human life. His life exemplified both.

God is our Father; not a monstrous despot thirsting for bloody sacrifices, not an unreasonable taskmaster, not an illusive spirit controllable by incantation and priestly ceremonial. He is a loving, reasonable, real Father, and Our Father; we are brothers and sisters. Thus, in two words, Jesus embodied a theology which in the course of its development redeemed the whole Western world from the gloom of paganism, and gave it a victorious civilization.

However much men may differ in their views regarding nature and message of Jesus, no one can deny the wonderful changes wrought in the thought and spiritual character of mankind. Is not the fruitage enough for men of all creeds to unite in joyful celebration of the birthday of the Jewish infant which became the light of the world?

Solar worship in its various manifestations fixed upon Yuletide as a season for rejoicing because of the conquest by the sun of the powers of darkness. The gradual lengthening of the nights seemed to portend the final annihilation of day light. The midwinted salstice dispelled these fears, and the accent of the victorious sun filled all hearts with rejoicing. When Christianity became a world power the birthday of the new sun in the physical world readily became the birthday of the new sun on the spiritual world. Pagan customs were transformed into symbols of great spiritual thoughts, and humanity was made richer by a holiday with a message simple enough to find its way into the humblest heart, and profound enough so that no philosopher's plummet may sound its depths. The evergreens, the lighted candles, the exchange of presents and of expressions of good will; the Yule Log, the merry games and the joyful noise all bear significant lessons, and the children have their Santa Clause, the precious incarnation of a thought which in its abstract nakedness would be beyond the grasp of untrained minds. I am sorry for the child who has never known the joy of the belief in the good Saint: his life is poorer by a precious experience. Symbols are better teachers of truths than bare facts. The senses can get no further than the outer courts of the tabernacle of truth. The door to the big holy place is open only to the heart. A tYuletide the heart begs for its rights.

To the Sunday school teacher and his class the birthday of Jesus has a special thought. The child born in a stable and reared in the lowly household of a poor Jewish community in the Gallilean mountains has become the spiritual guide and comfort of millions upon millions of people. What about the boys who gather around their teacher day by day? May there not be among them boys who will bless the world? Who can foretell the future of a child? One thing is certain; every child is an individual incarnation of Divinity. It is the teachers' duty and privilege to aid in bringing to light the Divinity in the child. Thereby he helps to increase Divinity in the world, and given a new meaning to the message of the Christ whose birth was heralded by an Angelic host shouting from the portals of heaven the first Christmas message, so full of good cheer and joy: "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people; for there is born to you this day in the city of Davis a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.—Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men of good will."

It was the custom in England to save a charred remnant of the Yule Log to kindle the next year's Christmas fire. So let the teacher and his class carry the message of this joyous season with them through the year to be inspired by it again with its precious and invaluable gift, the immaculate Son of God. It behooves us therefore to give thanks to God, and to give gifts to our fellowman. For, most of the happiness of this annual festival comes from the universal custom of giving which was inspired by the example of our Heavenly Father, who gave to the world his best gift—His Son. And after more than eighteen centuries of giving the world is still in debt for this first Christmas gift. But the gift Christ is most pleased with is ourselves, the pledge of our loyalty and the dedication of all our powers to His great cause.

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TO MAKE KNOWN ABROAD THE SOUTH'S RESOURCES

Purpose of Industrial Association of the South.

Plans and Objects and Methods of the New Organization Recently Formed at Nashville, Tenn—To Advertise in North.

Nashville, Ten., Dec. 17.—For the purpose of making known to the rest of the country the vast resources and wonderful business advantages of the South, the 14 states of the Southern section of the United States met in convention at Nashville, December 3rd, perfected a permanent organization, with officers and directors, and became incorporated under the title of the Industrial Association of the South.

Early in February a campaign of advertising will be started in metropolitan Sunday newspapers in the East, Middle West and North.

At the Nashville convention, the officers elected were: F. W. Hoover, president; vice presidents, Jno. M. Gray, Jr., Nashville; S. C. Dobbs, Atlanta; Elmer Clarke, Little Rock; secretary, W. R. Manier, Sr., Nashville; assistant secretary, A. P. Foster, Nashville; treasurer, J. O. Cheek, Nashville.

In addition to the foregoing officers a board of directors was organized, each state being represented in the directorate by the following:

C. P. J. Mooney, Memphis, representing Tennessee; North Carolina, Josephus Daniels, Raleigh; Alabama, Victor Hanson, Birmingham; Kentucky, William Heyburn, Louisville; Texas, Frank P. Holland, Jr., Dallas; Mississippi, Governor Thomas Bilbo, Jackson; Louisiana, John Lewis Dietzel, New Orleans; South Carolina, W. M. Ball, Columbia; Maryland, Joseph R. Wilson, Baltimore; Georgia, Clifford Anderson, Macon; Missouri, David R. Francis, St. Louis; West Virginia, Jno. T. McGraw, Fairmont.

This movement to advertise the South to the rest of the country is pointed out by the men behind the enterprise as being one of the most important undertakings in the entire history of the nation.

It is well known that the big interests of the North are not familiar with the splendid opportunities for investment in the South. Millions of dollars in business investment have been attracted to Canada, to California, the Dakotas and to South America, and yet the South affords better natural advantages than any other section of the entire continent. This campaign of advertising the South means much to the people of this section for it will attract capital as well as desirable population.

The convention decided to raise a fund of not less than $250,000 a year for three years. Several railroad companies of the South have already subscribed liberally to the fund and many large corporations of this section have emphasized their willingness to cooperate.

The commercial clubs of the important Southern cities have agreed to lend their support to the movement and to contribute their efforts to the entire success of the plan.

After a careful investigation of the methods to be employed in carrying out the advertising portion of the work, the association engaged the Dooley-Brennan Company, of Chicago and Nashville, a concern of wide experience in advertising affairs, to work with the organization. Mr. Hugh Brennan, of the Dooley-Brennan Company, addressed the convention and outlined the plans of publicity which were unanimously adopted by the convention.

It was decided to hold the second meeting of the association in ten days at some particular Southern city to be decided upon by the executive committee.

See Sterchi-Bancroft Co., for the new dining room suit. (Advertisement.)

Buy our famous velvet Pullman pound cake. Guaranteed to please any one. Globe Baking Co. de19-6t
(Advertisement.)

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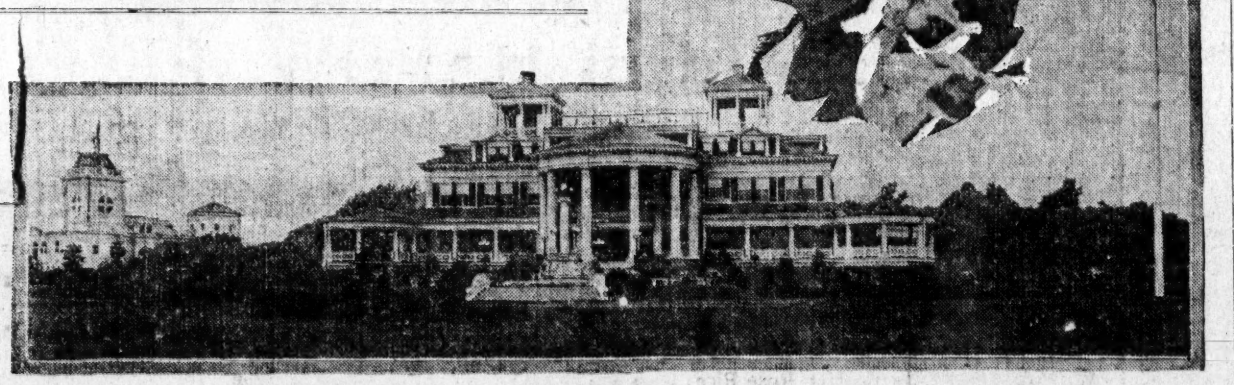

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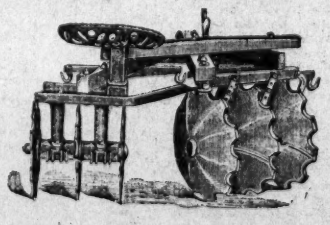

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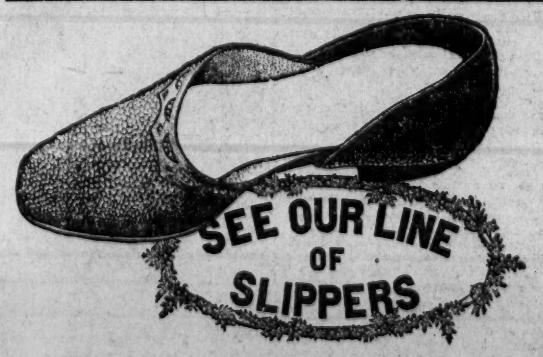

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OIL MILL BUSY MAKING SOY BEAN OIL AND MEAL

Factory at Elizabeth City Doing Big Business.

Demonstration of the Substitution of Beans for Cotton Seed Given the Past Week—Big Market for Bean Products.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 18.—About thirty farmers Thursday saw the public demonstration of soy bean oil and meal manufacture at the plant of the Elizabeth City Oil & Fertilizer Company and listened to the explanation of government experts as to the possibilities of this new industry in this country. The number would have been very much larger but for the exceedingly inclement weather and the muddy roads.

The soy bean was substituted for cotton seed without any change of machinery whatever. The Elizabeth City cotton oil mill has been at work all this week manufacturing both oil and meal, handling about 20 tons of the beans a day. The present outlook for marketing these products is extremely bright, one hundred tons of the meal having already been sold and of the oil, all that has been extracted has been disposed of.

Up to this time the Elizabeth City Oil & Fertilizer company is the only concern which has actually begun operations in the manufacture of soy beans on a commercial scale. But other oil mills in this section have been buying sojas extensively and as soon as they clean up their work in cotton seed they will begin the manufacture of soja bean oil and meal. Both the State and Federal departments of agriculture have been working toward the end of inducing the cotton oil mills to extend their active season by the substitution of the beans for cotton seed. How long the mills will run after the manufacture of soja bean products is undertaken depends on their ability to secure the beans in sufficient quantity and at such price as will make the manufacture of soy bean meal and oil a paying business.

The soy bean was introduced into this country in 1882, and since that time the production has steadily increased. North Carolina produces more of these legumes than any other State in the Union, and the bulk of the State's production is grown in this eastern section. The production this year goes far beyond that of any previous year, because in the effort to curtail the cotton acreage last spring the farmer's attention naturally turned to the soy bean, which here is regarded as a better money crop than corn. It is also more certain, for the yield of sojas is good, be the year wet or dry or normal.

But with greatly increased acreage and production this year there was felt considerable uneasiness as to how the crop of hundreds of thousands of bushels was to be marketed. Heretofore the farmers have relied on the seed men to buy their sojas, but it was evident that there were many times enough beans to supply the demand from that source. Thoughtful farmers were much concerned over the situation and were asking how it was to be met.

It was at this crisis that the State and Federal departments of agriculture stepped in to the aid of the farmers in this section. Men were sent into the field to look into the situation and gain some idea of the quantity of beans grown this year. The oil mills were induced to take up the manufacture of soy beans products. As a result, whereas a short time ago the price of soy beans was nominal, they are today firm at a dollar a bushel.

When one considers the fact that soy bean oil is imported into this country in large quantities from Manchuria, where he is told that this product is now used in large quantitiess by manufacturers of the high grade soaps in the United States, when he learns that a factory has recently been equipped in New York for the manufacture of soy bean milk and that from this milk a condensed milk and cheese can be manufactured, he begins to see the possibilities of this new industry which is just opening up in North Carolina. Then when he hears that it was not until the Russo-Japanese war that soy bean products were imported into Europe and that at this time there is a big demand for the meal in all the dairying countries, of that continent while in England the oil as a solid is taking the place of animal fats in the kitchen to such an extent as much of it is now used as all other fats and oils combined, he begins to wonder if the manufacture of soy bean products in North Carolina may not become as important an industry as is today the manufacture of cotton seed products.

RULES ARE AMENDED.

Secretary of Agriculture Modifies Cotton Futures Act.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Rules and regulations of the cotton futures act were amended today by the Secretary of Agriculture so as to permit the filing of "replacement disputes" with the Secretary on or before the fifth business day succeeding the tender of rejected cotton; reducing to $5 the minimum assessment in any dispute, and making it optional instead of mandatory for the office of markets to furnish a memorandum of conclusions.

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In thoughts, as in life, you reap what you sow.

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The price of prosperity is patience, persistence and perseverance.

Charles Edison, Inventor, Poet, Theatrical Producer.

In addition to writing music and good poetry, inventing automobile parts and assisting his wizard father with his inventions, Charles Edison, son of Thomas A. Edison, is spending one-third of his time this winter operating his little music theatre on Fifth avenue, New York city.

The idea of Edison's little theatre, it only accommodates 140 people, is to give expression to artistic American singers and players. Young Edison created the theatre because of his deep sympathetic interest in budding American musical genius.

Another third of his time he devotes to work in his father's laboratories. He is called the "repair man." His work is much in the nature of an efficiency expert, because his duties are to see to it that there are no imperfections in the manufactured products invented by his renowned daddy.

The remaining third of his time he writes poetry under the nom de plume, "Tom Sleeper," and music, and plays the gentleman; and it is said of him truly, that he really has a good time.

Charles Edison is twenty-six years of age, and already has to his credit a valuable patent of his own invention for a part of an electric automobile.

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MOST AGREEABLE FATE IS SLIGHTLY WOUNDED

That is, for Allied Soldiers in the Balkan Campaign.

Five Hospital Ships in the Roads of Saloniki the Most Comfortable and Only Sanitary Spot in the Peninsula.

Aboard the French Hospital Ship, Charles Roux, Harbor of Saloniki, Dec. 1.—Correspondence of Associated Press).—Quite the most agreeable fate that can overtake an allied soldier in the Balkan campaign is to be ill—or slightly wounded. Not that the hospital facilities of the ancient Turkish city are famous, or even adequate. They are not. But there are four French and one British hospital ship in the roads of Saloniki and they constitute by far the most comfortable not to say the only sanitary spot in the Balkan peninsula.

The French have been better prepared from the very outset of the present Balkan campaign in every detail than their British allies. No better example of thoroughness of this preparation could be given than the arrangements for caring for the sick and wounded. Long before there was actually any need for it and simultaneously with the landing of the first contingent of French troops on Greek soil, the French hospital ship Sphinx was lying ready in the harbor of Saloniki. As the number of troops disembarked increased, automatically more hospital ships put in appearance. First the Dugay Trouin, with its sheltered decks and its high stern like the poop of a Spanish galleon, all porches and awnings and lounging places for the convalescent; next this ship, the Charles Roux, with its operating rooms, its surgical clinics and its complete provision for the care of the more seriously wounded; and finally the Canada—all with full complement of nurses, surgeons, physicians, sisters of charity and all the rest of the paraphernalia of the aftermath of battle.

In many ways the Charles Roux is the most interesting, especially as it is the principal operating theatre of the floating hospitals of Saloniki, and especially as the Burgeon Major Dr. Heitz-Boyer, is one of the most distinguished and best-known surgeons in Paris. The ship was converted from one of the larger passenger steamers that in time of peace made the voyage from Marseilles to Alger. As such, it is roomy enough for not only have the saloons not required as operating chambers been turned into wards to add to the accommodations of the cabins, but the great broad decks have been glassed in, making the most agreeable of sun-parlors in which cots are set in long rows so that the sick and wounded, in the warmth of the afternoon sun, may lie quiet and look out at the splendid view the Bay of Saloniki affords.

Here, too, the convalescent, propped up with pillows, sheltered, excellently cared for and competently nursed by volunteer French women who have passed the necessary examinations and had the requisite experience, gather strength against the time when they may go back and "have another go at 'em," as the "poilu" in the next cot to the Associated Press correspondent put it. Under such circumstances the wounded soldier has all the advantages and none of the drawbacks of "the Naplase of the Orient" as its inhabitants call Saloniki. If his cot is on the south side of the ship, he has before him the new snow-capped crests of the mountains of the Kalchis, those three fingers of land that stretch into the Aegean, with convent-crowned Mt. Athos tipping the last finger. Or, to the west, confused with the clouds, he has the peaks of Thessaly—Mt. Olympus, the home of the gods of ancient Greece, and beyond, Mt. Osse; and perhaps even, dim in the distance, Mt. Pelion, both of mythological fame. The rare and changing beauty of the clouds above these snow-coifed heights, the singular coloring of the sunsets are joys to the patients aboard the French hospital ships in no wise lessened by the odors, the noises and the discomforts of life ashore in Saloniki.

On the other hand, should the patient be placed on the north side of the ship, the view is no less attractive. Saloniki itself, charming from a distance, stragging along the curving shore, mounting the hill behind the town to the walled citadel that caps its crest—dozens of exquisite, white minarets like altar candles proud and slim, their balconies hung with lanters against the fete of Ramazan; long uneven rows of mysterious houses, with projecting, latticed balconies; walled and secret gardens, revealing only the lofty monument of a single cypress; barren spots on the peopled hillside that are cemeteries, the grey-white of their jumpled headstones gleaming in the morning sun.

Betlow decks, all is ready for any and every operation. Every kind of electric light gives the surgeon all the facilities necessary for searching wounds. Rows of glass cases contain shining instruments, white porcelain tables display shallow glass dishes for sterilizing the instruments, each dish covered with a heavy glass plate to keep out any extraneous substance. Each specialist has his own operating room, in addition to which there is a very complete pharmacy, a biological laboratory, an X-ray apparatus with the necessary facilities for photographing the insides of the patient and a perfectly equipped darkroom to develop the photographs. In completion of the picture, there are the silent, efficient little sisters of charity, their great, white, wing-like head dresses bobbing and nodding as the wearers hurry hither and thither, a chain upon which are hung the keys to the supply closets dangling from their waists, a tin of baked and sterilized bandages under one arm—or a packet of books and magazines destined for some convalescent patient.

All of this is the work of the women of France—the organization known as the "Succor for Wounded Soldiers," whose committee even now is in Saloniki, looking after arrangements, criticizing, making suggestions and charging themselves with securing from the great hearts of the French women all that may be needed to see that the soldier of the French republic, however far he may be from home, shall have every proper care and comfort.

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HOG-KILLING TIME IS HERE

(From the Philadelphia Record.)

Butchering time is near at hand, and the proper handling of the pork supply after the usual killing and cleaning of the carcass, is a subject well worth considering. Before curing is begun, meat must be thoroughly cooled, but not frozen. If the animal heat is not out of it the salt will cause shrinkage of the muscles. On the other hand, salt will not penetrate frozen meat and uneven curing will result. The most suitable vessel for curing meat is a good clean barrel, tight enough to prevent leakage, though for small quantities a stone jar is good.

How to Cure Meat.

For 100 pounds of meat thoroughly mix five pounds of salt, two pounds of granulated sugar and two ounces of saltpetre. Every three days the meat should be rubbed witn one-third of this mixture, and after the last rubbing it is left in the barrel for a week or 10 days. Then it is ready to be smoked. This receipt should be used only when there is a cool and moist place in which to keep the meat. If a warm or dry place is used, the preservatives do not penetrate evenly. For plain salt pork every piece of meat is rubbed with salt, packed closely in a barrel and allowed to stand over night. For every 100 pounds of pork a brine is made, consisting of 10 pounds of salt and two pounds of saltpetre dissolved in four gallons of boiling water. When the brine is cold it is poured over the meat, which is then covered and weighted down to keep it under the solution.

To prepare sugar-cured meat, rub every piece with dry salt and allow it to drain overnight. Pack it in a barrel, and for every 100 pounds of meat add a brine of eight pounds of salt, two pounds of brown sugar and two ounces of saltpetre dissolved in four gallons of hot water. In summer the brine must be boiled, but this is not necessary in winter. Let the brine cool before using. Bacon strips should be left in the solution from four to six weeks, and hams from six to eight weeks.

Mixing for Sausage.

Sausage should be made of clean, fresh pork. To every three pounds of lean meat add one pound of fat and mix them together by chopping. When this is done, spread the meat out thinly and season with a mixture of one ounce of fine salt, half an ounce of ground black pepper and half an ounce of pure leaf sage, rubbed fine, for every four pounds of meat. The seasoning should be sprinkled over the meat and the two mixed together by running them through a food chopper. The sausage may then be packed in jars or casings.

If large quantities of meat are to be smoked a permanent smokehouse is necessary, but for small quantities a large dry goods box serves the purpose. A smokehouse should be 8 or 10 feet high and should have plenty of ventilation, so that the warm air may be carried off and the meat prevented from overheating. It is best to have the fire pot outside, with a flue to conduct the smoke into the meat chamber, but if this cannot be arranged the fire is built on the floor of the house and the meat shielded in some way. The construction should allow the smoke to pass freely over the meat and out, though too rapid a circulation is a waste of fuel. The best fuel for smoking meat is green maple or hickory smothered with sawdust. Hardwood is always preferable to soft, and resinous wood should never be used, for it will give meat a bad flavor. Corncobs are the best substitute for hardwood.

Smoking Meat.

Meat to be smoked is removed from the brine two or three days before it is put into the smokehouse. Two pieces should not be allowed to hang in contact, as this prevents uniform smoking. After the smoking has started the fire should be kept as constant as possible, for if there is any great variation in temperature the smoke does not penetrate evenly, the outer portions being heavily smoked and the inner portions lightly.

At all times the house should be kept dark to prevent flies and other insects from getting on it.

DEFEND LORD RIBBESDALE.

Declare He Betrayed No Secrets in Attack on British Army Staff.

London, Dec. 14. — Lord Ribbesdale, whose attack on the British army staff in the House of Lords caused him to be called the next thing to a traitor by Lord Derby, has given two sons and a son-in-law to his country, besides being a brother-in-law of the premier and head of one of the old county families of Yorkshire. One son was killed in Somaliland ten years ago, and the other sons and the son-in-law met their deaths fighting in France during the past year.

In defense of Lord Ribbesdale his friends say he betrayed no military secrets, as criticisms of the management of the war are outspoken in England, and common rumor had it that General Munro was in favor of abandoning the Dardanelles. Besides, it is declared, if the lord's speech was deemed harmful to the military interests of the country, if could have been easily stopped by the censorship, which had only to notify the press.

UNION DEPOT AT KINSTON

A. C. L. and Norfolk Southern Asked to Submit Plans Early as Possible.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 18.—Kinston's union passenger depot will be built at the southeast corner of Gordon and Independent streets, two blocks from the center of business, during the early part of 1916, the chamber of commerce and municipal authorities believe, since being assured that the Corporation Commission will insist upon early construction of the station. The commission has informed General Superintendent Newell, of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, and General Superintendent Stack, of the Norfolk Southern, that it is the commission's desire that the companies "prepare plans for a suitable station and submit same to the commission as early as possible for approval."

When a man is in love, his mind shows him a hundred pictures of the woman he loves.

WHAT A COUNTY CAN DO.

Catawba as an Example of Co-Operation in North Carolina.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 16.—The model co-operative county in North Carolina is Catawba. The people of that county have not only waked up to the possibilities which may be obtained through co-operation, but they have gone to work with so much spirit that they have won the honor of being ranked as the finest model of co-operation in the South. Co-operation among the farmers may be divided into three general classes: Co-operative production, co-operative marketing, and co-operative societies for banking. The farmers of Catawba county have developed each of these to some extent.

The first step towards co-operation taken by the Catawba county folk was the founding of the Catawba Co-Operative Creamery in 1910. The total initial investment in this creamery was only $1,200. When the business began, the number of patrons was 38. The first month's operations produced sales of butter to the amount of $940. Three thousand pounds of butter were made during the month. By the end of the first year the amount paid to the patrons had reached $14,868. The second year witnessed a marked increase both in the number of patrons and in the amount of business. The amount paid out for butter fat this year was $22,015. The Creamery Company was incorporated in 1912 with an authorized capital stock of $50,000. It was, and still is, a requirement of the company that at all times 75 per cent of the stock must be owned by the farmers. At the present time only ten shares are held by others than farmers.

The great success of the creamery could not fail to impress the farmers of Catawba county with the importance of co-operative enterprises; and, so, they hastened to form other such associations. In 1913 the Catawba County Sweet Potato Growers' Association was organized with a membership of 60. The Association had three purposes in organizing: First, to increase the production of sweet potatoes; second, to improve their quality; and third, to standardize the package for their shipment. The association has been growing steadily and is meeting a long-felt need in Catawba county.

But the Catawba county farmers do not limit their co-operation to enterprises merely for the sale of their products; he also applies the principle of co-operation to the supplies that he purchases. In order to supply this need, the Farmers' Union Warehouse Company was incorporated in 1913 with an authorized capital stock of $25,000. This warehouse is a wholesale warehouse for all the farmers in the county. It handles such articles as fertilizers, seeds, implements, wagons, buggies, and harness. The farmer's produce may be also marketed through the warehouse. Last year the warehouse did a $2,500 business.

More instances of improvement might be cited. But what has been shown should be enough to convince the most skeptical that the county has greatly improved, and that the most powerful single influence in bringing about this improvement has been the practical operation of the principle of co-operation in the various farming industries of the county.

GOVERNMENT TAKES UP FIGHT ON RABIES IN THE FAR WEST.

Forest Service and Biological Survey to Try to Prevent Spread.

Washington, Dec. 15. — The Department of Agriculture is taking action, through the Biological Survey and the Forest Service, to combat a serious wave of rabies infection of wild and domestic animals that is in danger of becoming widespread in the Far West. The fact that the extensive dissemination of the disease is taking place through the agency of coyotes makes the situation a difficult one to meet.

Outbreaks of rabies among coyotes have been noted from time to time for several years in parts of Washington, Oregon, and northern Idaho, and the Forest Service undertook last year to aid in bringing the disease under control by employing hunters to make war on coyotes in the National forests of some infected localities. Since, however, the coyotes breed in the foothills and around the outskirts of the forests, a more comprehensive campaign is called for.

The eradication of coyotes in sparsely settled or rough country is said to be an exceedingly difficult task. Inasmuch as these animals are always a source of considerable losses to the livestock industry of the West, Congress last year provided a special fund of $125,000 to be spent by the Biological Survey for the eradication of predatory animals both in the National forests and on the public domain, and from this fund a special allotment has now been made to provide for fighting the rabies.

The disease first appeared in parts of Eastern Oregon and Washington and Northern Idaho, in a region surrounded by natural barriers which tended to confine the outbreak. Domestic animals and human beings were bitten, and a good deal of alarm was manifested by residents of the infected districts, many of whom feared for the safety of their children on the roads to and from school. The disease is now reported as having extended into Northern Nevada and Northern California, whence it may easily be carried far.

The Forest Service, the Biological Survey, and the State Board of Health are working together to meet the situation in California. Modoc and Lassen counties have been put under quarantine by the state board, which has appointed forest rangers and inspectors in Modoc county. Funds have been provided by the Biological Survey for the employment of additional men and the purchase of traps and poison. The public will be enlisted in the campaign, which will be led by the Biological Survey officials and the forest rangers.

HON. R. O. EVERETT SPEAKS

Guest of Honor at Annual Banquet of University Law School.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 18.—"It is most fortunate for a young lawyer to be at the University where service is the motto, the pass word," was the opinion of Hon. R. O. Everett, of Durham, the principal speaker at the annual banquet of the University Law School, held in Swain Hall Thursday night. Forty-two students representing the Junior and Senior law classes were present. The faculty of the law school was represented by Dean L. P. McGehee and Professor A. C. McIntosh; the academic department by Dean M. H. Stacy, Richard H. Shufort ,of Hickory, acted as toastmaster. An elaborate seven course dinner was served by the caterer of the University dining hall.

Hon. R. O. Everett was the guest of honor at the banquet and the principal speaker. Mr. Everett is an alumnus of the University and has been, for several years, a prominent member of the Durham Bar Association. His theme concerned the standards of honor that should prevail in business dealings. The vein of thought running through his address was prophetic of a better day when standards of conduct in business should take high ground.

PHILANTHROPIC SOCIETY WINS

In the Annual Soph-Junior Debate at the University.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 18.—The annual Soph-Junior debate between the Dialectic and Philanthropic Literary Societies was won Thursday night by the Phi's. The question of the debate, the affirmative side of which the Phi's upheld, was "Resolved, that the United States should adopt some policy of compulsory military training for young men possessing the right to vote."

The affirmative was upheld by Albert M. Coates, of Smithfield, and J. K. Holloway, of Raleigh. C. R. Edney, of Mars Hill, and C. B. Hyatt, of Booneville, argued in vain for the negative. The judges were Messrs. R. H. Thornton, W. W. Pierson and Dr. W. D. MacNider. The decision rested two to one in favor of the affirmative. The presiding officers were Hugh B. Hester, president of the Phi Society, and R. L. Young, secretary of the Di Society.

Both sides maintained good arguments, and the debate was one of great interest from start to finish. This victory of the Phi's is the first one over the Di's in three years.

WESTERN UNION APPEALS

From $250 Verdict Awarded Kinston Barber for Mental Anguish.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 18.—The Western Union Telegraph Company has appealed from a verdict in Superior court here giving William Lawrence, a negro barber, $250 for mental anguish suffered because of alleged delay in delivery of a mesage. Lawrence told the court that the telegram came too late for him to get off for Scotland Neck in time to attend the funeral of his late benefactor, Noah Biggs. Mr. Biggs, known throughout the state as a philanthropist, desired that "his darkies" be the pallbearers at his funeral. Lawrence was among those who in former years had been employed in the Biggs household. There existed between the Halifax county man and his servants the friendly relations that one seldom finds between master and servants in this time.

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FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE

Shaking Hands With Santa Claus

IT was Aunt Martha who promised Edith and Edward that she would take them to see Santa Claus on Saturday afternoon if they would be good, very good children.

Little Edith's eyes popped wide open. She could scarcely believe her ears. But then, Aunt Martha was a very wonderful person; and, really Aunt Martha could do anything she wished to.

But Edward, it seemed, was not quite so impressed. Indeed, he smiled rather knowingly.

"Can we really-truly see him, Aunt Martha?" Edith asked.

"Yes indeed," her Aunt replied. "Right in front of you, just as plainly as you can see me now!"

"Um-m-m-m-mm!" said Edith to herself—or something that sounded like that; at all events it meant that she was surprised and impressed.

But Edward just smiled again. Edward, you see, was beginning to think that he knew "a nawful lot," as Edith expressed it. In fact, Edward had said several times that he didn't believe there is any Santa Claus.

Just think of it! No Santa Claus! My, wasn't he taking "a nawful" risk! Just suppose old Santa had been listening down the chimney and had heard him!

"Aren't you interested in seeing Santa, Edward," asked Aunt Martha.

The youngster dug his toe into the carpet and looked down at the floor. He wasn't quite brave enough, you see, to tell Aunt Martha that he didn't believe in Santa Claus—which fact, right then and there, should have shown him that he was mistaken.

"Don't you believe I can show you Santa Claus?" asked Aunt Martha.

Edward hung his head and made no reply.

"Very well, sir," said Aunt, "we'll see—on Wednesday."

Though it seemed to little Edith that it never would come, Wednesday afternoon at last did roll 'round. And how gaily they set forth from the house.

"I am not sure," Aunt Martha explained, "but I believe Santa will have a little present for each child—who believes in him." And she looked pointedly at Edward. That young man looked at her a moment and then glanced away. He wasn't exactly comfortable, you see.

On and on they rode in the street car, way downtown, until finally Aunt Martha pressed the button and the car stopped. A short walk and they were at the big Department Store where Edith and Edward loved to go with Mamma and Aunt Martha when they were doing their shopping.

And what a crowd there was at the entrances! It seemed that every boy and girl in the entire city was piling in—to see Santa Claus. But everyone was jolly and happy; so that what crowding and pushing there was didn't hurt. In fact, Edward in particular enjoyed it. After a long wait and then a swift ascent, they left the elevator at the floor where old Santa was "at home to his little friends."

And there he was, too, at the end of the big room on a platform! Just as Edith and Edward had seen in their picture books—long white beard, twinkling, merry eyes, little round "tummy" and the cunningest of red suits trimmed with white fur.

Over in one corner was a huge Christmas tree, all trimmed and glowing with candles. And near it Santa had placed his big bag. At the other end of the platform was a chimney, made of wood and painted to look like a real chimney.

Every now and then old Santa would take an armful of toys out of his bag, waddle over and climb up to the top of the chimney and then down it—showing precisely how he would do it when Christmas Eve came and he was attending to business. And them! Now I'm not sure, but I dare say if we could get to the top of this building we'd find them on the roof."

Edward was impressed; he certainly couldn't deny the fact that there, right before his eyes, was Santa Claus, bag and all.

Presently a man climbed up on the platform and announced that Santa would shake hands with each child and give each of them a little remembrance. And he instructed them how to form in line so they could file past him.

What excitement there was! And what squeals of delight echoed and re-echoed through the room! Quickly the line was formed and Santa, smiling and jolly, reached down and shook the tiny hands stretched out to him and placed in them little Jumping-Jacks and rubber balls and wooden soldiers and other inexpensive toys.

It seemed to the impatient Edith that their turn would never come. Aunt Martha was in front and Edith directly behind her; and then came Edward.

Slowly the line moved forward. Perhaps all the presents would be gone before their turn came! Poor Edith was so anxious on that point!

And He Shook Edward's Hand.

every time, just before he disappeared down the chimney, he would look at the hundreds of little children in front of him and laugh silently until he shook all over. The children of course laughed with him — for they just couldn't help it!

"Where's his sleigh and his reindeers?" asked the doubting Edward.

Aunt Martha smiled. "Why you know perfectly well, Edward, that Santa couldn't bring his reindeers into this room. The steam heat might kill

A while longer, and then Aunt Martha stepped up, shook hands with Santa Claus and said something to him at which he threw back his head and laughed right out loud.

"This is Edith, Santa," said Aunt Martha, introducing them, "and this is Edward."

Old Santa took Edith's hand and patted it affectionately. Then he leaned down and whispered in a merry voice, "I received your letter—I know what you want for Christmas!"

Edith was so delighted and so overcome that, though there were a thousand questions she wanted to ask, her tongue just stuck tight to the roof of her mouth.

Then, quickly, Santa turned to Edward. "A-ha! So this is young Edward!" he said. "Well, well, so you're surprised to see me, are you, young man? Hum-m-m-m, maybe after all I will bring you that electric steam engine and cars you've been wanting for Christmas, but you don't really deserve them, you know!"

And he shook Edward's hand, handed him a toy soldier and turned to the next child in line.

Poor Edward! He was so surprised that he all but fainted! And with reason, too. Why, Santa Claus must have known that he was beginning not to believe there was any Santa Claus! And how in the world could Santa have known that he wanted an electric steam engine and cars for Christmas—unless he was Santa, possessed with the mysterious ability to find out just such things as that!

Edward looked at Aunt Martha anxiously as they wended their way out of the store.

"D—d-do you think he—he will forget I said there wasn't any Santa Claus?" he asked.

Aunt Martha looked down at him sadly. "No one can tell, Edward," she said slowly. "But, remember, he said that maybe after all he would. Now—well, I think the best thing to do is to believe that he will, and perhaps that will help him decide that he will!"

MY CHRISTMAS-TREE.

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ON
Christ-
mas morn-
ing when I
wake, and
sleep-dust from
my eyes I shake, I
see a sight that
makes me start and
causes thumpings in my
heart: A Christmas tree—
oh, pretty sight—with can-
dles, bells and balls alight.
With horns and dolls and sugar
plums, and skates and trains and
beating drums. And oh, it is a won-
der tree, with heaps of things for
me to see! Rare gifts hang upon
the side, which tinseled fairies
cannot hide. A soldier doll, a
doll house, too, and strings
of gold come to my
view, and
as I look I
seem to
hear sweet Christ-
mas music soft and clear
A Merry Christmas it seems to say,
A merry, happy, holy Day!

THE CHRISTMAS-TREE

The Christmas-tree, as we all know,
Bears fruit but once a year.
And that is why the fruit it yields
Is to our hearts so dear.
O how I wish the Christmas-tree
Were like the fertile field!
So when we gather all the toys
We'd have another yield.

A Real Christmas Gift

MRS. Gould smiled as she wrapped her furs around her and telephoned for her automobile. She turned to her cousin who was going to accompany her down town and said: "I think it's a good idea to get one's Christmas shopping all done several weeks in advance. You get much better attention in the shops, and you make it easier for the poor tired salesgirls."

"But," asked the cousin, "do you know what you want so far ahead of the holiday?"

"Yes, here's my list. Look at it while I button my gloves."

"Handkerchiefs, dresses, waists, gloves, veil—whew, for whom are all these things?"

"My maids," answered Mrs. Gould. "A horn, three dolls, a drum, pair of skates—surely the maids can't use these?" asked the cousin.

"The toys are for my washer-woman's children and their little friends. I always give them presents, since God hasn't blessed me with children of my own.—Come, the car is at the door."

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Outside a shop window in the busiest street of the city stood little Lena Swift. Around her shoulders she wore a tattered shawl, and her hands were snuggled under it to prevent them from freezing. She stood with her face pressed close to the glass.

"My," she said half aloud, "ain't it cold for the end of November, and oh, ain't that a beautiful doll. I wonder whether Santa will think of me this year!"

Lena shivered with cold, and big tears came to her eyes as she went on musing. "He ain't never come since mother died. Aunt Rosie says she has no money for nonsense and such, and she says there ain't no Santa Claus nohow."

At the foot of her bed stood a gorgeous Christmas tree.

"Move on little one," said a policeman coming up to Lena and tapping her shoulder with his club. Lena ran off half fearfully, half reluctantly, and at that moment spied a large Santa Claus who stood on the opposite corner ringing a bell and asking the passers-by to drop a coin in the bowl for a Christmas dinner that would be given on the twenty-fifth of December at the Way-farers' Lodge.

The child made a dash across the street to tell Santa what she wanted him to put in her stocking, when she received a terrific blow from behind. Then it seemed as though she were falling—falling—down—down. Then a pair of strong arms lifted her and she heard a soft voice which seemed to come from a great distance say—"Smith, is she much hurt? Poor little puss." The answer was lost to her because the pain in her head was so bad. She felt soft furs wrapt around her and then she felt herself carried swiftly along.

Lena awoke next morning and found herself in a soft white bed in a room so beautiful that her first thought was "I must be dead and this sure is Heaven." A white-capped nurse bent over her.

She tried to glance about, but the pain shot through her head and made her close her eyes.

Then Lena experienced something that she had not felt since her mother had died—a caressing touch and a kiss.

Lena had been badly hurt and it took several weeks for her to get even well enough to sit up in bed. Christmas morning dawned cold and clear, and the child was allowed to see what Santa had brought her.

At the foot of her bed stood a gorgeous Christmas tree, such as she had often seen in the great toy-shops, but never in the wildest flights of her fancy dreamed of possessing. On the floor beside the tree, in a tiny little wicker chair, sat the big doll with the "shutting eyes" that she had seen in the shop window. Then the beautiful lady came over to her bed and, putting her arms around Lena, said: "Don't you think Santa Claus has been good to you?"

"Are they all for me? What would Aunt Rosie say? She thinks there ain't no Santa Claus."

"Your Aunt Rosie knows you are with me and she says it's alright. Yes, they are all for you. There are no other children here. This is the first time the real Santa Claus has visited me, and this is the happiest Christmas I have had since I was a child, myself."

"What did Santa bring you?" asked Lena, returning Mrs. Gould's embrace.

The happy woman took a mirror from the table and held it in front of the child. Lena looked into it and saw a face so clean and white that she scarcely recognized it, framed by a mass of brown curls, and a pair of large blue eyes that returned her gaze wonderingly.

"It's me," she said.

"Yes; it's you. Santa Claus has brought me you, and Aunt Rosie said I may keep you."

Our Puzzle Corner

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS.

If the following are written one below another, their zigzag letters, beginning at the upper left hand corner and ending at the lowert left hand corner, will spell the spirit of Christmastide:

1. Large or grand.
2. Not square.
3. A number of animals in a body.
4. Mercantile traffic.
5. To imitate.
6. Traditions or fictitious narratives.
7. Odd or peculiar.
8. A girl's name.
9. A body of water.

A TREE ORNAMENT.

If the following are written one below another, their central letters will spell the name of a Christmas tree ornament:

1. A verb.
2. A sharp instrument.
3. A girl's name.
4. To put into practice.
5. A drink.
6. Sick.

Answers.

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS: Good Cheer. 1, Great; 2, Round; 3, Drove; 4, Trade; 5, Mimic; 6, Myths; 7, Queer; 8, Leona; 9, River.

A TREE ORNAMENT: Tinsel. 1, Ate; 2, Pin; 3, Ann; 4, Use; 5, Tea; 6, Ill.

All Around the Christmas Tree

THIS is the story of four little children who were not satisfied with having one Christmas tree apiece but—well, if you read on you will see how many trees they did dance around.

Dance around? Yes indeed, quite as though it were a Maypole. For, you see, that was a very important part of their plan. There were Helen and Elsie, who were the dearest of friends and playmates; and then Arthur, who lived next door to Helen and—oh my yes, we mustn't forget him—little Jamie, who lived at the end of the block and always wanted to play with children older than he was.

One day, a little while before Christmas, they were all seated in Elsie's nursery playing.

"Oh, I'm going to have just the beautiful-est Christmas tree you ever saw!" said Helen. "My Mamma says so, and I guess she knows what Santa Claus will bring me!"

Elsie looked at her a moment and started to speak what she was thinking; but she remembered in time that Helen was her guest and that one must not be rude to a guest. So, she changed her mind and said quite gently, "I know it will be, Helen; and I'm so glad. But—but I'm sure it won't be any prettier than mine. It will be just as beautiful, but not any—any—beautiful-er!"

Helen was about to insist that hers would be when Arthur interrupted: "Mine is going to have a mill at the bottom and a house and tree and roads and a pond with ducks on it and—and—and lots of snow all around."

Both little girls looked impressed.

Joined Hands and Danced Around It.

"And," Arthur went on, "it's going to have a fence all around it, too!"

Now both Helen and Elsie knew that their tree wouldn't be fixed in that way; at least their Mammas hadn't as yet told them they would. But perhaps their Mammas hadn't found out.

"I'm going to ask my Mamma to ask Santa Claus to fix mine that way," Helen spoke up.

"Me goin' hab a 'ittle Kismas tree!" cried little Jamie, who had just begun to understand what they were talking about. Then he added, in a tone of great pride, "A 'ittle one, a 'ittle one!"

Both girls laughed, and so did Arthur. "Why, Jamie," said Elsie, "a little one isn't much. You ought to want a big one. Big ones is lots better, aren't they, Arthur?"

Arthur assured her that they are.

But Jamie wasn't in the least embarrassed. "A 'ittle one, a 'ittle one!" he repeated proudly, over and over again.

Then Elsie had the idea that made it such a happy Christmas for all four of them. "Oh!" she cried. "Oh, I know! I know!"

"What? What?" cried Helen and Arthur together.

"On Christmas morning lets us all go around and see each other's trees! And—and we'll dance around them and have just the best-est time!"

The others instantly hailed the plan with shouts of delight. Even little Jamie, though he didn't exactly understand what they were so pleased about, added his small shouts to the chorus without waiting to find out the reason.

So, on Christmas morning, after each of them had admired his own tree and had opened all his wonderful presents and showed them to Papa and Mamma and been grabbed up and kissed and hugged, the visiting began. That is, Helen went for Elsie and Arthur joined them.

Poor little Jamie couldn't make his Papa and Mamma understand—indeed he didn't quite understand himself—so he had to just wait in his own nursery. But he wasn't unhappy. Goodness me, no! How could he be when he was surrounded with such wonderful presents, and the cutest little Christmas tree set in a tub painted green and then frosted all over with stuff that sparkled like snow.

Also—which was certainly nice of them—Helen and Elsie and Arthur went to Jamie's house first. And they admired his tree and told him how beautiful it was. Then all four of them joined hands and danced around it, while Jamie's Papa and Mamma stood looking on and laughing and—oh, it was so much fun!

After a while Helen told them of the plan and they said Jamie could go if they would be very careful and not let anything happen to him. They promised; so Jamie was bundled up in his snug little coat and cap and they set out for their Christmas fun.

They danced around Helen's tree, and Elsie's and Arthur's. And then Elsie happened to think of the other little boys and girls they knew who lived nearby. So she suggested that they also visit them. No sooner said than done—that is, than begun, for there were ever so many of their playmates near. And in each house the child who lived there joined them for the remainder of their visits.

And, why, bless us, by the time they reached the last house they looked like a small army, so many had joined their ranks. And they were able to form a complete circle about the Christmas trees. There were the toys and gifts to be looked at, too, in each house, and nearly every child had an exciting story to tell of having heard old Santa Claus come down the chimney in the night, or the jingle of sleigh bells, at least.

Perhaps you are planning to do this very thing with your little playmates this Christmas. Or maybe you did so last Christmas. But if not, try it this year and see for yourself what heaps and heaps of fun it is.

REINDEER PUZZLE.

Here is Santa filling some stockings. He has left his reindeer on the roof. See if you can find one of them by cutting out and fitting together the black pieces.

Solution to Reindeer Puzzle.

AESOP'S RETOLD

By GARRETT NEWKIRK

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THE BOWMAN AND THE LION.

A HUNTER who could draw a bow
And shoot a feathered arrow,
To hit the target every time,
Within a circle narrow;

Went hunting out among the hills
Upon a certain morning:
And all the animals ran off,
As soon as they had warning;

Save one, who gave a challenge bold,
The lion, brave and strong,
"*Come on!*" roared he, "and we shall see,
To whom these hills belong."

Replied the Bowman, "I will send
My messenger to thee;
To tell you what you may expect
When you encounter me."

He drew his bow, an arrow went
Straight to the mark, and then,
The lion gave a howl of pain,
And sped him to his den.

There lying down he begged a fox
Who happened near about,
To come at once, for Heaven's sake,
And pull the arrow out.

"To meet the sender of the shaft
I have no wish," said he;
"If this were but a messenger,
What must the Bowman be?

* * *

Whether with ancient arrows,
Or guns of a modern host,
He who strikes from a distance,
Is the one to be dreaded most.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

SHARP ADVANCE IN COTTON

Prices Rise Dollar a Bale in the Morning—Close is Barely Steady at Gain of 13 to 23 Points.

New York, Dec. 18.—There was an advance of approximately $1 a bale in the cotton market here this morning, with March contracts selling up to 12.19 and closing at 12.15. Last prices were generally 4 to 5 points off from the best under realizing, with the close barely steady at a net advance of 13 to 23 points.

The market opened steady at an advance of 2 to 10 points in response to relatively steady cables. Offerings appeared to be very light and scattering after the heavy liquidation of the past week and the market improved after the opening on covering of a renewal of bull support. Some four or five of the more prominent brokers were credited with purchases aggregating fully 50,000 bales during the first hour of trading and nothing more than slight recessions occurred until January contracts had sold up to 11.90; May to 12.44, and July to 12.57, late in the morning. Realizing then became more active and much of the day's trading was attributed to a disposition to even up commitments for over the week-end or the approaching holiday. Private cables reported a small steady market in Liverpool and houses with Liverpool connections were not much in evidence around the local ring. There was nothing in the talk here to indicate any change of sentiment as to the probable showing of the census report on Monday which will give the amount of cotton ginning prior to December 13, but bullish reports from the domestic goods market and reiterated claims of firmness among interior spot holders doubtless encouraged the advance. It is rumored that both the Southern and Western long interest has been very greatly reduced during the past few days and the improved technical position of the market was supposed to be reflected in the comparatively small offerings encountered on this morning's advance. Ideas as to the amount of cotton ginned for the first period in December ranged from about 550,000 to 650,000 bales.

Reports that some authorities in the Southwest were reducing their estimates of the crop, tended to offset the more liberal estimates of the ginning figures, however, and the trade paid little attention to the smaller amount of cotton on shipboard, which was estimated at 117,151 bales, against 317,239 at the same time last year.

Futures closed barely steady.

	Open	High	Low	Close
December	11.68	.....	.....	11.68
January	11.72	11.90	11.72	11.86
March	12.02	12.19	12.02	12.15
May	12.28	12.44	12.28	12.40
July	12.42	12.57	12.41	12.54
October	12.16	12.29	12.16	12.24

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 12.05; sales 300 bales.

PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling 11.38; receipts 7,376; sales 2,345; stock 386,629.

Galveston—Middling 12; receipts 12,736; exports 13,971; sales 266; stock 332,811.

Mobile—Middling 11.50; receipts 737; sales 50; stock 28,260.

Savannah—Middling 12; receipts 4,133; exports 3,150; sales 1,005; stock 224,807.

Charleston—Middling 12; receipts 804; stock 108,855.

Wilmington—Receipts 238; stock 51,771.

Norfolk—Middling 11.38; receipts 2,871; sales 1,403; stock 130,846.

Baltimore—Stock 5,870.

Boston—Middling 11.95; receipts 547; stock 10,700.

Philadelphia—Middling 12.30; stock 3,383.

New York—Middling 12.05; receipts 222; stock 312,455.

Minor Ports—Receipts 1,828; stock 54,429.

Total today—Receipts 31,492; exports 17,121; stock 1,645,816.

Total for week—Receipts 31,492; exports 17,121.

Total for season—Receipts 3,766,038; exports 2,120,818.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling 12.05; receipts 15,441; shipments 12,816; sales 305; stock 232,154.

Memphis—Middling 12.12; receipts 5,651; shipments 4,738; sales 700; stock 275,891.

Augusta—Middling 11.38; receipts 2,320; shipments 1,153; sales 1,036; stock 207,119.

St. Louis—Middling 12 1-8; receipts 3,173; shipments 2,998; stock 14,590.

Cincinnati—Receipts 794; shipments 742; stock 20,719.

Little Rock—Middling 12.13; receipts 940; shipments 1,498; sales 1,498; stock 46,711.

Dallas—Middling 11.50.

Montgomery—Middling 11.50.

Total today—Receipts 28,319; shipments 23,945; stock 797,184.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

Firm Undertone in Market—Rise in Price Over $1 Per Bale.

New Orleans, Dec. 18.—Covering by recent sellers expectations of a reaction from the long decline and bullish comment regarding ginning returns gave the cotton market here today a firm undertone and brought about a rise of over a dollar a bale. It was a lively session for the week-end and a large volume of business was done.

First prices were about three points up and immediately after the call, the advance was widened to 11 to 12 points. There was little pause in the improvement in values until the rise on the active months was about 20 points. Here offerings from scalping longs temporarily checked the advance, but late in the day new high levels were reached when prices stood at a net gain of 21 to 23 points. Just before the close scalpers were sellers again and last prices were 17 to 18 points over yesterday's final figures.

Cables were better than due. Spot houses were buyers and New York for a while was a large purchaser in this market. Telegrams from the interior said that spot owners were selling very little, in spite of a good demand.

Cotton closing: January 11.74; March 12.06; May 12.29; July 12.43; October 12.10.

Spot cotton quiet, unchanged; sales on the spot 420; to arrive 1,925. Middling 11.82.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Dec. 18.—Raw sugar firm; sales 8,000 bags; molasses 4.12; centrifugal 4.89; refined quiet.

Cutter and Cheese—Steady.

Coffee—Spot quiet; Rio 7s, 7 5-8; Santos 4s, 9 cents.

WHEAT PRICES STRONGER

Probable Increase in Ocean Freight Tonnage Affects Market—Close Nervous, but at a Gain.

Chicago, Dec. 18. — Wheat developed strength today largely as a result of assertions that Great Britain and France were taking radical measures to provide more ocean freight room for grain. Closing prices, although nervous, were 1¼ to 1¼@1⅜c. net higher, with December at 1.17¾, and May at 1.19¼. The finish in corn was irregular, ⅜c. off to ⅜c. up, and for oats at ⅛@¼ to ½ decline. Provisions closed unchanged to an advance of 15 cents.

Grain and provisions closing:

Wheat — December, 1.17¾; May, 1.19¼.

Corn—December, 69⅝; May, 73½.

Oats—December, 41½; May, 44⅛.

Pork—January, 18.60; May, 18.62.

Lard—January, 9.62; May, 9.92.

Ribs—January, 9.85; May, 10.20.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, 1.17½@1.20; No. 3, red, 1.13@1.16; No. 2, hard, 1.16; No. 3, hard, 1.10@1.10½.

Corn—No 2, yellow, nominal; No. 4, yellow, 66½@68; No. 4, white, 67½.

Oats—No. 3, white, 40½@41¼; standard, 42½.

MARINE.

Arrived.

Str. Elizabeth Weems, Hudgins, Georgetown, Baltimore & Carolina Steamship Co.

Cleared.

Str. Chippewa, Maguire, New York, C. J. Becker, agent.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.). 3,289 tons, Hollasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Keil (Ger.). 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

Str. Elsiston (Br.), 1,834 tons, Niven, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 18.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—52c.

ROSIN—Large, $5.05; small, $4.95.

TAR—$2.20-9c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$3.50, $3.50, $2.50.

Quotation same day last year—Spirits turpentine, nominal. Rosin, nominal. Tar, $2.00-8 1-2c. Crude Turpentine, firm, $3.25, $3.25, $2.25.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	(—)
Rosin	106
Tar	240
Crude Turpentine	4

Receipts — Same day last year: Spirits turpentine, 5 casks; rosin, 480 barrels; tar, 256 barrels; crude turpentine, 19 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Nominal. Quotations same day last year, 7c.

Receipts—250 bales; same day last year, 1,823 bales.

Total receipts since August 1st, to date, 133,884 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 85,041 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Wilmington, Dec. 18th, 1915.

Atlantic Coast Line: Cotton, 221 bales; Rosin, 106 barrels; Crude, 1 barrel.

Seaboard Air Line: Cotton, 29 bales, Tar, 240 barrels.

Steamer "Annie B.": Crude, 3 barrels.

Total: Cotton, 250 bales; Rosin, 106 barrels; Tar, 240 barrels,; Crude, 4 barrels.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 18th)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, 40c. to 45c. per bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—80c to 90c.

CORN—$1.75 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7@9c.; good demand.

PORK—Small, 10@11c. per pound.

SHEEP—Gross: Old sheep, 3@4c.; lambs, 3@5c. lb.

WOOL—Burry, 19 to 28c.; black wool, 17 to 20c; first class white wool, 27c.

HIDES—Green salt, 12@13c.; dry flint, 17@20c. per lb.; good demand.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 20c.; sides and shoulders, 16c. per lb. Good demand.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.; good demand.

POULTRY—Chickens, grown, 45c to 50c.; spring, 20c to 35c. head. Geese, 55c. to 60c. per head. Ducks, 35c. to 60c. owing to quality. Turkeys, 15c to 18c. lb., alive; 20c to 22c., dressed.

EGGS—27c to 28c.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 18.—North Carolina Peanuts—New crop, market firm. Fancy hand-picked, 84c.; No. 1, machine picked, 77c. per bushel

Virginia Peanuts—New crop, steady. Jumbos, 66c.; fancy hand-picked, 55c.; No. 1, machine-picked, 50c. per bushel.

Spanish Peanuts—New crop firm; No. 1, small, machine-picked, $1.00; Jumbos, 90c. per bushel.

Receipts—Light.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 18.—Spanish: Farmers' stock: Market, firm. New peanuts, dry and clean, $1.17½ per bu.; new, green and dirty, 60c. to 75c. per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock: New fancy Jumbo, 3½c. to 3¾c. per lb.; new, extra prime, 3¼c. per lb.; new prime, 3c. per lb.; new, shelling stock, 2¼c. to 2¾c. per lb.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Dec. 18. — Hogs—Steady. Bulk, 6.25@6.60; light, 6.00@6.55; mixed, 6.10@6.75; heavy, 6.25@6.80; rough, 6.25@6.40; pigs, 4.75@6.00.

Cattle — Weak. Native beef steers, 5.85@11.00; cows and heifers, 2.80@8.35; calves, 6.75@10.00.

Sheep—Weak. Wethers, 6.10@6.90; ewes, 4.25@6.40; lambs, 6.90@9.60.

STOCKS DULL AND IRREGULAR

Interest Lacking, Aside from Fair Inquiry for Certain Investment Issues—Rails Firm.

New York, Dec. 18.—Today's market was in the main a repetition of recent dull and irregular sessions. Public interest was altogether lacking aside from a fair inquiry for certain investment issues, including the Anglo-French bonds.

United States Steel was the most active feature, though showing some heaviness. Other prominent issues included American Smelting, Republic Iron & Steel, Studebaker and Baldwin Locomotive. Texas Company, United States Industrial Alcohol, Virginia Coal, Iron & Coke, and a few others of that class were substantially higher but the movement in these issues was without material effect elsewhere. Rails were fairly firm but dull.

Week-end reports dealt mainly with the sustained activity in many lines of business and gave promise of a further upward revision in prices of many industries now in great demand. Bankers with foreign connections were quoted as expecting further European liquidation of American stocks and bonds, as a result of the British government's plan to control those securities. The market for exchange was again irregular.

Bonds irregular with total sales, par value, of $1,835,000. United States registered fours advanced 1-2 per cent on call during the week.

NEW YORW STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers	31½
American Beet Sugar	70
American Can	59⅝
American Car and Foundry	79
American Cities, pfd	46
American Cotton Oil	55
American Locomotive	68½
American Smelting	100
American Sugar	115½
American Tel. and Tel	128⅝
American Tobacco	205½
Anaconda Copper	35½
Atchison	106
Atlantic Coast Line	114
Baldwin Locomotive	115⅞
Baltimore and Ohio	92⅜
Bethlehem Steel	474
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	88
Canadian Pacific	179¾
Central Leather	53½
Chesapeake and Ohio	62
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	93
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry	16½
Consolidated Gas	145½
Crucible Steel	72⅞
Erie	41¾
General Electric	172¾
General Motors	500
Great Northern, pfd	125¼
Illinois Central	107
Interborough Consol. Corp	21½
Kansas City Southern	30½
Lehigh Valley	81¼
Louisville and Nashville	126½
Liggett and Myers	243
Lorillard Co	180
Missouri, Kansas and Texas, pfd	16¼
Mexican Petroleum	96
National Lead	63¼
New York Central	105¼
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	74¼
Norfolk and Western	120⅞
Northern Pacific	115¾
Pennsylvania	58½
Reading	81¼
Rep. Iron and Steel	54¾
Rep. Iron and Steel, pfd	109¼
Seaboard Air Line	17½
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	40
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	62⅞
Studebaker Corporation	168⅛
Southern Pacific	100¾
Southern Railway	22¾
Southern Railway, pfd	61
Tennessee Copper	57¼
Texas Co	230½
Texas and Pacific	14½
Union Pacific	137
United States Rubber	54¼
United States Steel	85⅝
United States Steel, pfd	116½
Utah Copper	79
Virginia-Caro. Chem	46
Western Union	88⅜
Westinghouse Electric	68⅝
Great Northern Ore	47⅜
Va. I., C. and C	64¼
Wabash B W. I.	28½
Missouri Pacific	3¾
United Fruit	148¾

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 18. — Cotton: Spot, easier; good middling, 7.76; middling, 7.39; low middling, 6.95. Sales, 6,000; speculation and export, 500. Receipts, 18,000. Futures, quiet. December, 7.20¼; December-January, 7.20½; December-January, 7.20½; January-February, 7.20¼; February-March, 7.20½; March-April, 7.20; April-May, 7.10; May-June, 7.14; June-July, 7.10½; July-August, 7.07½; August-September, 6.93½; September-October, 6.79½; October-November, 6.74½.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 18. — Responding to the strength of cotton and lard, and with no pressure from crude, the cotton seed oil market was firmer this morning, although rather quiet, shorts being the chief buyers. Total sales, 3,000.

The market closed firm. Spot, 8.35 bid; January, 8.34@8.36; February, 8.33@8.36; March, 8.38@8.39; April, 8.40@8.48; May, 8.48@8.49; June, 8.51@8.58; July, 8.58@8.59; December, 8.35@8.45.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES

Savannah, Dec. 18. — Turpentine, firm, 51; sales, 66; receipts, 234; shipments, 2,206; stock, 14,327.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 1,057; receipts, 2,756; shipments, 3,982; stock, 71,653. Quote: A, B, 5.00@5.15; C, D, E, and F, 5.15; G, 5.10@5.15; H, 5.15@5.20; I, 5.15@5.25; K, 5.80@5.85; M, 6.20; N, 6.65; W G, 7.00; W W, 7.25.

WEEKLY BANK STATEMENT.

New York, Dec. 18.—The statement of the actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows that they hold $158,858,300 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is a decrease of $20,257,810 from last week.

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 18. — Mercantile paper, 3@3¼; sterling sixty day bills, 4.6750; demand, 4.7200; cables, 4.7285. Bar silver, 54¼. Mexican dollars, 41½. Government bonds, steady; railroad

THE WEATHER

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 19, 1915.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 64 degrees; at 8 P. M., 54 degrees; maximum, 69 degrees; minimum, 54 degrees; mean, 62 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .04 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, .81 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M. yesterday, 4.1 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Fair Sunday, colder in east portions.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 19, 1915.

Sun rises	7:13 A. M.
Sun sets	5:06 P. M.
Day's length	9 hrs. 53 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	8:30	8:44	3:11	3:51
Southport	6:29	6:40	12:04	12:48
Masonboro Inl	6:18	6:29	11:44	12:28

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

December 18, 1915.

STATIONS:	Temperature: Weather at 8 P. M.	Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 p.m.
Abilene	cldy	50	36	.0
Asheville	cldy	38	36	1.00
Atlanta	clear	42	42	1.32
Augusta	clear	56	52	.54
Baltimore	pt cldy	54	..	.84
Birmingham	clear	44	38	.22
Boston	rain	60	..	.90
Charleston	clear	64	60	.18
Charlotte	clear	56	46	.86
Chicago	snow	22	22	.0
Galveston	clear	64	44	.0
Jaxville	clear	68	60	.24
Memphis	clear	40	30	.0
Mobile	clear	58	40	.10
Montgomery	clear	50	44	.20
N. Orleans	clear	56	40	.0
New York	cldy	54	36	.90
Oklahoma	clear	46	28	.0
Palestine	clear	64	38	.0
Pittsburg	cldy	30	32	.76
Raleigh	clear	64	62	.26
Savannah	clear	62	56	.24
Shreveport	cldy	54	30	.0
St. Louis	cldy	38	24	.0
Washington	clear	60	38	.68

RESERVE BANK STATEMENT.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Gold coin and certificates in the vaults of Federal Reserve banks increased about $5,500,000 during the past week, according to a statement of the banks' condition December 17, issued today by the Federal Reserve Board.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 18.—Cotton goods and yarns steady today. Knit goods in active demand. Men's wear and dress goods firm. Burlaps high and firm. Linens firm.

Those who talk about the "Good old times," are wrong with themselves.

Fear and hate bring evil thoughts to the mind.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE.

Pursuant to a power of sale contained in one certain mortgage given by D. M. Beardsley and wife, Sarah E. Beardsley, to H. A. Burr, Jr., on August 13, 1914, and duly recorded in Book 78, page 402, Public Records of New Hanover County, and assigned by the said mortgagee to the Standard Supply Company, default having been made in the payment of the notes secured by said mortgage, the undersigned will, on Monday, the 20th day of December, 1915, at 12:00 o'clock, M., at the Court House door, in Wilmington, North Carolina, offer for sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described pieces, parcels or lots of land, located in Harnett Township, New Hanover County, and bounded and described as follows:

First Tract—Being lot No. 5, Block A, on the revised Map of Seagate Park and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the western line of Myrtle Avenue, seven hundred and four (704) feet northwardly from its intersection with the northern line of Bradley's Creek Macadam Road, said point being south 30 degrees west about three hundred and fifty (350) feet from high water mark of west side of Bradley's Creek, runs thence south 30 degrees west and along said western line of Myrtle Avenue fifty-four (54) feet to a point in the northern line of Lot No. six (6) in said Block, runs thence north 61 degrees west and parallel with Bradley's Creek Road one hundred and ninety-three (193) feet and eight (8) inches, thence north 30 degrees east and parallel with Myrtle avenue fifty-four (54) feet; thence south 61 degrees east and parallel with Bradley's Creek Road one hundred and ninety-three (193) feet and eight (8) inches, to the western line of Myrtle Avenue, the beginning.

Second Tract—Being Lot No. 4, Block A, according to Revised Map of Seagate Park, recorded in Book 65, at page 465 of the Records of New Hanover County, aforesaid, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the easterly line of a tract of land now or formerly belonging to Gertrude J. Howell, said point being located north 30 degrees E. 715 feet from the northerly line of Bradley's Creek Road, and running thence north 30 degrees E. 377 feet, more or less, to high water mark, or west side of Bradley's or Lee's Creek; thence in a southeastwardly direction along said high water mark of said creek fifty-eight (58) feet to the northwestern corner of Lot No. 3, in said Block; thence south 30 degrees west along the western line of said Lot No. 3, 362 feet, to the southwest corner of said lot No. 3, and thence north 61 degrees west fifty-two and two-tenths (52.2) feet to the beginning, together with necessary right of way as granted in deed from A. W. Pate and wife to S. W. Sebrell, dated April 30, 1909, duly recorded in Book 58, at page 268 of the Records of said County.

Said sale being made subject to a first mortgage for approximately $450.00, given by H. A. Burr, Jr., and wife, to the Rural Building and Loan Association and recorded in Book 88, page 572.

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Christmas Holiday Special Trains

December 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24:

Lv. CHADBOURN .....7:20 A. M.
Lv. Whiteville .....7:35 A. M.
Lv. Lake Waccamaw .....7:57 A. M.
Lv. Bolton .....8:12 A. M.
Ar. WILMINGTON .....9:15 A. M.

Returning.

Lv. WILMINGTON .....6:20 P. M.
Ar. CHADBOURN .....8:15 P. M.

December 23, 24 and 25:

Lv. GOLDSBORO .....10:25 P. M.
Lv. Mount Olive .....11:01 P. M.
Lv. Warsaw .....11:23 P. M.
Lv. Rose Hill .....11:47 P. M.
Lv. Burgaw .....12:27 A. M.
Ar. WILMINGTON ..... 1:15 Night

Returning Dec. 24, 25 and 27.

Lv. WILMINGTON .....3:40 A. M.
Ar. GOLDSBORO .....6:38 A. M.

These trains stop at all stations for passengers on signal or notice to conductor.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY EXCURSION FARES are in effect December 17 to 25, inclusive, tickets limited, returning, until January 10, 1916.

For further particulars PHONE 160.

Christmas and New Year Excursion Fares

Between all points on the Atlantic Coast Line and points on connecting lines.

Tickets on sale December 17th to 25th, inclusive, limited returning until midnight of January 10th, 1915.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE RAILROAD
The Standard Railroad of the South

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THE PROGRESSIVE RAILWAY OF THE SOUTH.

:-: LOW ROUND TRIP :-:

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY RATES FROM WILMINGTON TO POINTS IN STATES NAMED.

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Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

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For Tickets, Pullman reservations, or any information, call 'Phone 178, or apply to Agent.

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington, Effective Oct. 31, 1915. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES:	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS:
No. 90. 3:40 A.M. Monday morning only.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91. 1:15 A.M. Sunday morning (Saturday night) only.
No. 61. 5:30 A.M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia, and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to recieve outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M. and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 60. 11:59 P.M. Daily.
No. 64. 5:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63. 6:15 P.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.
No. 48. 7:40 A.M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49. 6:05 P.M. Daily.
No. 51. 8:45 A.M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 53. 8:00 P.M. Daily.
No. 62. 3:25 P.M. Daily.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 61. 12:50 P.M. Daily.
No. 58. 3:45 P.M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. Pullman Cars between Florence and Columbia.	No. 54. 12:50 P.M. Daily.
No. 19. 6:30 P.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and Intermediate stations.	No. 60. 10:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs., Sat. only.
No. 43. 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41. 9:50 A.M. Daily.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager. T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent. WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

In Effect November 15, 1915.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS

EASTBOUND			WESTBOUND		
Leave Front and for Winter Park	Leave Front and for Wrightsville	Leave... Front and for Beach	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Beach for Wilmington
.....	.....	.....	a6:26 A. M.	a6:15 A. M.	.....
a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a7:36 A. M.	a7:25 A. M.	.....
6:55 A. M.	6:55 A. M.	b6:55 A. M.	8:01 A. M.	7:50 A. M.	7:40 A. M.
a8:00 A. M.	a8:00 A. M.	.....	a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	.....
8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	9:36 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
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10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	11:06 A. M.	10:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	12:36 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
b1:00 P. M.	b1:00 P. M.	b1:00 P. M.	b2:06 P. M.	b1:55 P. M.	b1:45 P. M.
a1:10 P. M.	a1:10 P. M.	ae1:10 P. M.	a2:01 P. M.	a1:50 P. M.	af1:45 P. M.
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c4:50 P. M.	.....	.....	5:36 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	b5:15 P. M.
5:30 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	.....	6:11 P. M.	6:00 P. M.	.....
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8:15 P. M.	8:15 P. M.	.....	8:56 P. M.	8:45 P. M.	.....
9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	10:21 P. M.	10:10 P. M.	10:00 P. M.
10:15 P. M.	10:15 P. M.	.....	10:56 P. M.	10:46 P. M.	.....
11:15 P. M.	11:15 P. M.	.....	11:56 P.M.	11:45 P. M.	.....

SPECIAL FOR SUNDAYS.

Leave Front and Princess Streets every half hour from 2:00 to 5:00 P. M.
Leave Beach every half hour from 3:45 to 5:45 P. M.

a—Daily except Sundays.
b—Sundays only.
c—Superseded by half hour cars Sunday afternoons.
d—Goes through to Seagate; returning, leaves Seagate at 3:00 P. M.
e—Does not go beyond Station No. 3.
f—Leaves from Station No. 3.

FREIGHT SCHEDULE.
(Daily Except Sunday)

Leave Ninth and Orange streets, 3:30 P. M.
Freight Depot open from 2:30 to 3:30 P. M.

For Christmas Holidays

GREATLY REDUCED ROUND TRIP FARE TICKETS
VIA
Southern Railway
Premier Carrier of the South.

The Southern Railway will sell from all points low round trip Christmas Holiday tickets Dec. 17th to 25th, inc., with Final Limit Midnight of Jan. 10th, 1916.

Tickets will also be sold Dec. 16th, 17th, 18th, 23rd, 24th and 25th, with Final Limit Midnight of Jan. 10th, 1916, to certain points in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Spend your Christmas Holidays with your friends and loved ones; enjoy your trip on the Southern Railway's fast through trains. Through sleeping cars to all points. Let us arrange your Pullman space and sell you tickets by the select route.

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BALTIMORE & CAROLINA STEAMSHIP COMPANY
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CLYDE LINE
TO NEW YORK
AND
GEORGETOWN, S. C.

New York to Wilmington.
Steamship Cherokee, Friday, Dec. 17th
Steamship Chippewa, Friday, Dec. 24th

Wilmington to Georgetown.
Steamship Cherokee, Monday, Dec. 20th
Steamship Chippewa, Monday, Dec. 27th

Wilmington to New York.
Steamship Chippewa, Saturday, Dec. 18
Steamship Cherokee, Saturday, Dec. 25
Steamship Chippewa DOES NOT carry Passengers.

Through bills of lading and low

New York and Chicago Mayors Shake Hands.

Mayor Thompson, of Chicago. Mayor Mitchel, of New York.

William Hale Thompson, Mayor of city, was received by Mayor John Pur- Chicago, arriving at New York with aroy Mitchel. committee of 15 prominent men of his

TWO INMATES REPORTED AS DEAD FROM FREEZING

Durham County Home is Probed by Grand Jury.

Durham, N. C., Dec. 18.—The Durham county grand jury in report to the December sitting of Superior Court, assailed the county home in an unrelentless manner. "Obsolete" in its appointments, inadequate for the protection of the inmates, and not in keeping with the dignity of the county, were terms employed by the jury.

This sensational sentence was incorporated in the official report: "It has been rumored in time past that two inmates of the ward froze to death which, if true, is lamentable."

The reconstruction of the building, the substitution of stoves for open fire places, installation of a lighting system were the recomendations set forth in the jury's report.

The official body said: "At present all the buildings for the aged and infirm are heated by open fire places, which is hazardous to life and property." The jury discovered an absence of heat in the building during the day and night. Upon this discovery the report to the judge read:

"There are occupants in the ward at present, so badly demented that they destroy more or less all clothes and bed clothing provided them. During the cold hours of the night, without heat ,these unfortunates suffer great discomforts."

The investigation disclosed that no equipment was found on the premises to combat fire. Fire extinguishers were recommended and water barrels and buckets were advised as supplementary equipment to safe guard the institution from conflagrations.

FATHER AND SONS CONVICTED.

Three Snipeses Guilty of Obstructing and Assaulting Officer.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 18.—Yesterday was sentence day in United States Court and Judge Boyd's brief words carried joy and freedom in some instances, gloom and confinement in others. In all cases save one the trouble was illicit distilling, the docket at this term being fairly well congested with cases of the "moonshine" character. This increased blockade activity, in the opinion of Judge Bynum, was due to the quart law and consequent increased valuation which the thirsty populace puts upon the product of the still. In the opinion of Prosecutor Hammer, the big delegation was due, not to any specific law, but more to the increased activity of revenue officials. Anyway, they were up there in large number—and some of them are going down to Atlanta for a little sojourn.

The event of greatest general interest, perhaps, was the verdict in the case against Frank Snipes and two sons, Charlie and Jim. The case went to the jury about dinner time and within a short while a verdict of guilty on both counts was returned. The charge was conspiracy to obstruct an officer. Counsel, some four or more, fought hard against conviction on the conspiracy charge, but Prosecutors Hammer and Beall won on both issues. This is the case in which Officers Neely and Johnston figured so conspicuously, the officers being held up, it was alleged, while raiding the Snipes place, put to indignities and later offered a bribe if they would drop the matter.

TWO OFFICIALS REMOVED

Mayor and Police Commissioner of Tulsa, Okla., Ousted From Office.

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 18.—Judge Conn Lynn in the district court here today, removed from office Mayor Frank Wooden and T. J. Quinn, police and fire commissioner. They were charged with failure to enforce the law against proprietors of alleged gambling places and saloons. Foster N. Burns, chief of police, was removed from office on similar charges four weeks ago.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 18.—G. J. Thrasher, Robert C. Howard and L. E. Aymard were found guilty by a jury in the Federal court today of raising the United States mails to defraud in the promotion of the Bankers' Bond & Finance Company, a company for the organization of country banks. Thrasher is apr ominent local man, while the other two are from South Carolina.

And after we have a satisfactory view of someone in a high dudgeon we want to have the privilege of gazing upon a man in a brown study. None of your cream, buff or dun studies, y'understand, but a rich seal brown—brown as a meerschaum pipe 21 years old, brown as Bud Byers' mouth on the 26th of last December; brown as the Republicans when Claude Kitchin got through with 'em. A real brown.—Greensboro News.

Sterchi-Bancroft Co., making special Xmas prices on baby carriages. (Advertisement.)

TAKES STEP TO CLEAN UP CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Charges it With Graft and Protection of Criminals.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—The first step in a campaign to clean up the Chicago police department which he declared was honey-combed with graft and protection for criminals, was taken today by Mayor Thompson by calling into conference the chief of police, the assistant chief and the president of the city civil service commission.

After the conference the mayor said both he and the chief of police were convinced there was collusion between the police department and the crooks of Chicago and that criminals were being protected.

"As soon as we find out where the protection is coming from," said the mayor, "we are going to clean up the department."

Captain John J. Halpin, former chief of detectives, found guilty of accepting bribes to protect swindling seers, was denied a new trial by Judge Baldwin in circuit court today. Sentence is to be pronounced January 18.

GROSS CARELESSNESS IN HOMES

One-Third of Number of Fires in Large Communities is in Dwellings.

A fire loss of $3 per year for every man, woman and child in the United States, as against 33 cents per capita in European countries, was cited as the chief reason why greater care should be taken to prevent fires, in an address by Fire Marshal George W. Elliott, before a meeting of the Union Fire Association of Lower Merion in Fire Association Hall, Cynwyd.

"Despite all efforts to fight fire after it has started, America is burning $250,000,000 worth of physical property every year(or $3 per capita," he said. "The three dollars represents the price paid for carelessness by every man, woman and child in the United States."

Sterchi-Bancroft Co., suggest that you see their line of hat racks and get one for Xmas. (Advertisement.)

"Wi-no-ca," the coming residential place. (Advertisement.)

Business Locals

Advertisements inserted under this head, One Cent per word for each insertion, but no advertisement taken for less than 25c. Additional words more than 25, One Cent per word. Unless the advertiser has a regular account, all advertisements under this head are STRICTLY CASH IN ADVANCE, the amount being too small to warrant a charge. The Star will send without charge a Western Union Messenger to any address in the city, for advertisements in this department, upon request by 'phone to No. 51. Messengers will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Company, or for notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charge for collecting the telegrams, or advertisements for the Star, but a small charge for Strictly Messenger Service.. Telephone subscribers may at any time telephone their telegrams and bills will be rendered to suit the sender, daily, weekly or monthly. For this service, call "Western Union," but for advertisements always call the Star office, No. 51. Advertisements cannot be taken over the telephone—but upon request messenger will be dispatched to any part of the city for them. Contract advertising inserted "till forbid" will be discontinued only on written notice from the advertiser.

FOR SALE—GIRL'S IVER JOHNSON bicycle. Good value. If interested 'Phone 1733-W. de19-1t*

FOR SALE—ONE SAW MILL COMplete, with engine and boiler in first class condition. Cheap. Address "M. L. Edwards, Southport, N. C. de19-1t

FOR RENT—FIRST FLOOR APARTment 310 Church street. Seven rooms and bath, modern, reasonable. Apply 310 Church street, or Phone 1084-J. de19-1t*

WANTED AT ONCE—GOOD HOME for a baby boy; three months old; perfect health. Parents unable to care for it. Good references. Address "Baby," care The Star. de19-1t*

MUSIC BAGS, SATCHELS AND ROLLS for sheet music. A pretty assortment suitable for an Xmas gift. Yopp & Woody Music Co., 217 North Front street. Phone 313. de 19-tf

THIRTEEN PER CENT INVESTMENT in two small renting houses on Harnett street. This a bargain. James & James, Inc. Phone 163. Southern Bldg., Insurance and Real Estate. de 19-1t

A HOME LIKE BOARDING PLACE— Nice rooms, good table, all modern improvements, $15.00 and $20.00 per month. $1.00 per day. Mrs. W. N. Rivenbark, 113 Chestnut street. Phone 1605-J. de 19-1t*

COLONIAL APARTMENTS HAVE ONE very attractive apartment vacant; occupancy January 1st; four rooms and bath. James & James, Inc., Renting agents, Southern Bldg. Phone 163. de 19-1t

FOR RENT—FROM JAN. 1ST, SIX room house, completely furnished with every convenience. Price moderate. P. O. Box 458. de 19-1t*

WE HAVE FOR SALE A VERY DEsirable piece of property on Market Street Road, just beyond city limits, 110 by 854 feet in size. A few hundred dollars cash will turn the deal; balance can be paid in installments. See us at once. James & James, Inc., phone 163, Southern Building. de 19-1t

HALF A MILLION CABBAGE PLANTS for sale, East Wilmington. T. C. Merris, R. F. D. No. 1. de 19-1t*

PATRONIZE—THE WINTER PARK confectionery store. Opened today. Full line of fruits, candies and cigars. Will appreciate your business. A. Kazakilis, Prop. de 19-3t*

FOR REGULAR AND TABLE BOARD, Best service; all conveniences. Apply at 313 North 2nd street. de19-1t*

DOLL HOSPITAL — HEADS, WIGS, natural hair wigs, hands, arms and legs Dolls restrung. Dolls dressed. 'Phone 1794-J. 311 Fifth ave., North. de19-3t

FOR RENT — STORE AND THREE rooms, at Winter Park. See J. E. or E. G. Hall, or 'phone 669-1. de19-2t

LOOK OVER OUR SPLENDID RENT list. L. W. Moore, Renting Agency, 123 Princess street. de19-1t

HAVE AN AUDUBON SPLENDID 9-room new home, fruit trees, grape vines, cheap. If you want suburban residence, see L. W. Moore, Real Estate Agency, 123 Princess street. de19-1t

HOUSE AND LOT, NORTH TENTH ST., near hospital, at price of value of lot. See L. W. Moore, Real Estate Agency, 123 Princess street. de19-1t

FOR SALE — FIVE SMALL HOUSES, on 5th avenue, between Dawson and Wright streets. Price $1,350.00. A bargain. See Geo. B. Applewhite. de19-1t

FOR RENT—SECOND FLOOR APARTment, four rooms and bath. All modern conveniences. Price $17.50 per month. 103 South Fourth street. de19-1t

APARTMENT IN PRINCESS BUILDing for rent. See J. G. Wright & Son, Agents, 124 Princess street. de19-1t

GUNS AND PISTOLS OF ALL KINDS repaired. Locks repaired and keys of all kinds fitted Work guaranteed. A. D. Cashwell, 5 North 2nd street; 'phone 711. de19-1t*

FOR SALE — LOT WINTER PARK, at station; size 132 by 330, or 10 lots 33 by 132; $900.00 is the price. See G. B. Applewhite. de19-1t

DEAR MADAME. — AS THE APproach of the Yuletide is upon us, we know you don't want to waste your time in baking your cakes. Let us take the worry from you. Our cakes are made fro mthe best material and baked to your own liking. Prices: Dark fruit cake, 25 cents lb.; light furit cake, 25 cents lb.; Pullman pound, 2 1-2 lbs., 50 cents. Sally White cake, 25 cents lb. Yours truly, Farriss' Bakery, 'Phone 626. de19-1t

BEAUTIFUL HOME ON NORTH FIFTH avenue for sale; lot 30 by 90, with use of alley. Has 7 large, airy rooms Price, $4,250.00. See Geo. B. Applewhite. de19-1t

ORANGES, ORANGES. — WE HAVE them at the Worth Building, at Water and Nutt streets; two sizes: one size at $1.10 per hundred; another size at $1.35 per 100 delivered as full size boxes at $2.50 per box. Also one car A grade Baldwin apples, New York state stock; finest brand packed also potatoes, turnips, onions and cabbages. Yours for prompt delivery. J. E. Winstead Produce Co., Worth Building, 'Phone 203. de19-6t*

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TEN CARPENTERS WANTED—APply at Wilmington Marine Railway Monday morning at 7 a. m. de19-1t

IT IS EASY TO REACH US WHEN you want your clothes cleaned and pressed. Just phone American Practical Hatter, 128 Market street. Phone 418-W. de 19-1t*

WANTED 500 FELT HATS TO BE cleaned, blocked and shaped like new. Bindings put on all kinds of hats. Cleaning and pressing. The only expert hatter in city. American Practical Hatter, 128 Market St. Phone 418-W. de19-1t*

DESIRABLE ROOMS FOR RENT AT reasonable prices, also table board for $16 per month; fine locality, 515 Market Street, Phone 1498-W. de18-1t*

FIRST $10 BUYS REMINGTON TYPEwriter (two color ribbon); is in first class condition, every way. Address "M.," care The Star. de19-1t*

FOR RENT—COTTAGE ON SUMMER Rest Sound. Electric lights, large yard. Price $15 per month. For further particulars. Phone 1351-W., or apply at 215 South Third street. de19-1t*

SAWYER WANTS WORK AS SAWyer, on January 1. Prefer small mill with 15,000 to 45,000 feet daily. Address J. B. Sloan, 1108 North Sixth street, Wilmington, N. C. de19-6t*

BE WISE AND HAVE YOUR OLD suits cleaned and pressed for Christmas and save money. Suits pressed only, 25 cents; men's suits cleaned and pressed $1.00; coat suits pressed 50 cents. Brinson's Pressing Club, Phone, 717, 114 1-2 Princess St., Wilmington, N. C. de19-su,tu,we-3t

WANTED — SECOND HAND 5-PASsenger Ford car, in good condition. Must be cheap. Cash price. Box 322, Southport, N. C. de19-1t

BOARDERS WANTED — CAN ACCOMmodate several boarders; meals or rooms, or both. Table and service of the best. Rates reasonable. 119 Chestnut street. 'Phone 1126-J. de19-1t*

WHAT'S THE WORD? GUESS. WORK your wits and win. Come to Hodges' Place, 218 Market street, and win a nice portable desk lamp. 'Phone 194. de19-1t*

WANTED — GOOD SICK AND ACCIdent insurance agents. Good pay. Call or write, L. C. McCabe, Winston-Salem, N. C. de19-su-5t

ALL FIXTURES, PORTABLES, FANS, and anything in stock will be sold, from one-third to one-half of former price. R. W. Hodges' Place, 218 Market street. de19-1t*

SALESMEN—$300 TO $500 PER MONTH salary or commission, selling our oils, greases, paints, and other specialties. Do not be satisfied; get our proposition. Inland Oil Works Co., Cleveland, Ohio. de19-1t*

WANTED — WHITE GIRL TO HELP in small family. Character reference required. Address Drawer B, Lumberton, N. C. de19-1t*

A PORTABLE TO BE GIVEN AWAY every day to persons guessing the words that the letter spell on Balones correctly. Hodges' Place, 218 Market street. de19-1t*

HELP WANTED — FEMALE — GOOD salary earned by any woman, while establishing trade all your own. Work all or part of time. No experience Representative needed in your territory. Be first. Write quick C. C. Hosiery Co., Norristown, Pa. de19-su4t*

WANTED — POSITION, JANUARY 1ST. Position with wholesale house, grocery or dry goods store; either inside or traveling; 10 years experience. Can furnish best of references. Address "X," care Star. de19-1t*

FOR SALE — ONE GASOLINE TUG boat, 25 H. P.; one gasoline runabout boat, 4 H. P.; one gasoline logging locomotive, 35 H P.; one Curtis saw mill carriage; one Glen Cove planer and matcher, 6 inches by 10 inches; one 80 H. P. boiler. Box 167, Burgaw, N. C. de19-4t

FEATHER BEDS WANTED — WANTed to buy, feather beds and pillows. We also make feather mattresses to order. Address "J. W. C.," care Star. de19-4t*

FOR RENT — FOUR ROOM COTTAGE, No. 419 North Fourth street. Four-room flat, 501 North Fourth street. Apply C. P. B. Mahler, 23 South Second street. de19-1t*

HEART LUMBER FOR FENCE CONstruction. We specialize in lumber that lasts, and lasts, and lasts! Clark-Lynch Lumber Co. de19-1t

TWENTY - FIVE YEARS IN THE Building and Loan business, we have matured 36 series, and have the approval of t he State's Department of Insurance. Our 57th series opens Jan. 1st, 1916.. Get your stock not later than Dec. 31st. North Carolina Home Building Association. Jas. H. Taylor, Jr , Secretary; 118 Princess street. de19-su,tu,su,tu,f-5t

FOR RENT — APARTMENT SIX rooms or less; all modern conveniences; upper floor; also three furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Apply 311 South Fifth street. de19-1t*

FOR RENT — 214 NORTH 5TH, 6 room cottage; all modern conveniences. See M. C. Darby & Co. de19-1t

WANTED — CALENDAR SALESMAN, for the most popular and best selling line of advertising calendars. Full assortment, of all styles, at the right prices. New Line now ready. Liberal, fair treatment; prompt remittances. State experience, if any, and send references in first letter. Ramsay Calendar Co.; 1110 Pine street, St. Louis, Mo. de19-1t*

FOR RENT—HOUSES IN ALL PARTS of the city. See my list before renting or phone 65. Geo. B. Applewhite. de 19-1t

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